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NSW LEAGUE FEARS LOSS OF \$65,000

BY DAVID JACK

IF THE TOP four teams from the New South Wales State League join the planned 24-team National Soccer League, the State Federation will be \$65,100 out of pocket next year.

That figure is assessed by Charles Valentine, treasurer of the NSW Federation.

NSW believes this loss of revenue would be a critical blow to its operations, in particular servicing the Parklea complex.

In 1984, Parklea will cost the State Federation \$32,000 in principal and interest payments.

The National League, however, has other ideas.

It claims that, with 10 NSW teams in the restructured NSL, these teams will generate \$56,000 for the Federation kitty.

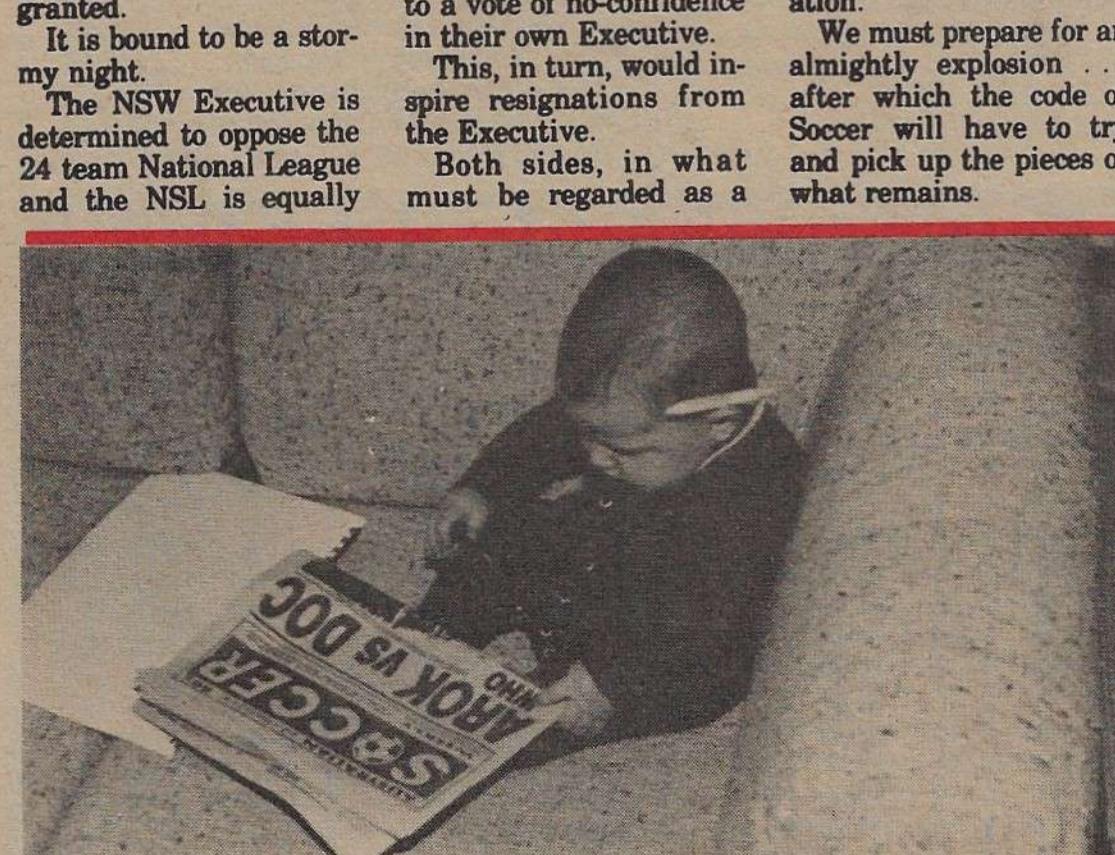
In other words, the NSL believes NSW will be only \$9,000 out of pocket.

National League clubs may offer to pay the Federation that \$9,000.

The State Federation insists this is poor compensation for losing its best four teams.

This is only one of the controversial matters to be discussed tomorrow (Wednesday) night in Sydney when NSW Federation clubs get together.

Peter Sheean, Commercial Manager for the Australian Soccer Federation and NSL, has asked if he can address the meeting and his request will be granted.



Meet the youngest reader of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY! He answers to the name of "Georgie" and, judging by the pencil behind his ear, the two months old baby is checking the front page for mistakes.

determined to go ahead with the scheme.

If the State Federation clubs go along with the 24-team NSL concept, this will virtually amount to a vote of no-confidence in their own Executive.

This, in turn, would inspire resignations from the Executive.

Both sides, in what must be regarded as a

serious dispute, have painted themselves into a corner.

Sadly, there now appears little room for compromise or fruitful negotiation.

We must prepare for an almighty explosion ... after which the code of Soccer will have to try and pick up the pieces of what remains.



Peter Sheean

SA CLUBS ARE NOT 'AMUSED' WITH NSL

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN clubs are not amused by the way the new-look 24-team

National Soccer League has been manipulated to suit Sydney and Melbourne.

Despite a visit by NSL secretary Steve Kamasz and ASF marketing man Peter Sheean, S.A. has written off any chance of getting four teams into the League.

"We will apply, but it will be a token gesture," said Azzurri secretary Ted Iuliano, who is also a member of the S.A. Federation Board.

"They are making it very hard for any new teams from S.A. to get into the League."

"I now feel they don't want any Adelaide teams."

While Salisbury has a first class ground and clubrooms, it has no grandstand.

"We were told that we would have to have facilities similar to Adelaide City and West Adelaide, and at this stage, that is impossible."

NSL

BY TOM MCKAIN

said Mr Jarvis.

"I had arranged to take the NSL people to Salisbury but they did not keep our appointment."

Only Azzurri and Para Hills appeared at an evening meeting with Sheean and Kamasz.

Polonia, Croatia Beograd and Salisbury did not

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EDITORIAL

IT is easier getting blood out of a stone than getting information about the planned 24-team National Soccer League which may be operating in 1984.

The actual details about the new set-up could be described as the best-kept secret in Australian Soccer. On the other hand, cynics would call it Soccer's worst-kept secret.

Incredible though it may seem, there has still been no official announcement from the NSL or from the Australian Soccer Federation about the new NSL.

This represents only a minor inconvenience to the people whose job it is to assess the feasibility of what is in store for 1984.

Just about every Soccer writer in the land has written about the new NSL.

The scribes have pointed out what they like and what they dislike. Many have advised Soccer to go flat out for the 24-team competition: others have advised its rejection.

The amazing thing, however, is that all of us, including AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, have been writing about something which has never been officially announced.

To try to remedy this ludicrous situation, ASW phoned the boss man of the National League, Stefan Kamasz.

Our question to Mr Kamasz was the soul of simplicity. "What proposal has been put to the States for the 1984 NSL?"

Mr Kamasz said he could not tell us.

"I would love to give you all the details," he said, "but until I get permission from above, there can be no official announcement."

We shot a few other relevant questions in Mr Kamasz's direction but these yielded very little.

"Well . . . the League wants a 24-team competition. Please don't use the word 'regional' because we don't use that word at all. It will involve interstate and intrastate matches," said the NSL secretary.

And that just about sums up what the NSL was prepared to tell ASW concerning one of the most important steps every contemplated by Soccer in this country.

It is inconceivable that so many stories have been written, so many words spoken, in the media about a plan still protected by an official secrets act; yet leaked constantly.

Surely the time has come for the ASF to take the public into its confidence and say: "This is what we are proposing. How do you like it?"

We could understand the secrecy several weeks ago when the ASF and NSL wanted to make sure all State Federations were briefed on the 24-team plan before the media stuck its teeth into it.

But that was long ago. Today, everyone in Soccer knows what is afoot. Everyone, that is, apart from the media and the public.

Have we not waited long enough?

Public relations has never been a strong point in Australian Soccer.

One would imagine that larger than life characters like Rudi Gutendorf, Tommy Docherty and Frank Arok would have impressed upon Soccer the value of letting folk know what is going on.

When Rudi, The Doc or Arok have something to say, they come out and say it.

With such people in positions of power, Soccer could always be guaranteed many precious centimetres of newspaper space and much time on radio and television.

The current secrecy over the NSL's 1984 format is difficult to understand. Indeed, it is indefensible.

POTTED PREVIEW By Chrystal Ball

BIG Sunday for the Sydney Italians with Leichhardt meeting Marconi at St. George Stadium — half of double-header bill. Other half of the double bash also crowd-pleaser with Saints taking on Adelaide City.

Middle Park is ideal setting for battle of giants, perhaps Australia's most talented sides, St. Melbourne and Syd. City. Could be match of year: draw predicted. Preston, home to toothless Lions, good for three points. Another big attraction KB v Olympic. Rest of NSL program so-so quality, but the St George double-header is double value for the fans.

VEST BIDS FOR STARS

BY TOM MCKAIN

ALAN VEST is setting his sights high on the transfer market in an effort to get West Adelaide back among the NSL leaders.

He has Sydney City pair John Kosmina and David Mitchell — now with Scotland's Rangers — on his list of wanted players for 1984.

The club asked him to supply the names of players he would need to guarantee a spot in the top four next season.

Apart from Mitchell and Kosmina he has listed Canberra pair Steve Bryant and George Christopoulos, plus Leichhardt's Peter Tredinnick.

"I'm not saying we can get all these players, but the club wanted names and I came up with them," said Vest.

"I also have another list as a back-up and I have been told the club will be able to announce a 1984 budget in November.

"Mitchell has said he wants to come here during the UK close season if he makes it with Rangers: so why shouldn't he guest for us with his family living in Adelaide?

"Kosmina is also an Adelaide lad, and if he makes a move why not back to West?"

Vest did not say which players he would be releasing nor would he discuss his own future.

He still has another year of a two-year contract to run, but it is understood there is a clause which gives the club, and the coach, an "out" if either wants to part company.

The move by West to ask for a wanted players list comes as a shock as

the club recently asked the current squad to take an immediate cut in wages to save cash.

Public Relations manager George Capetanakis said there was no cash crisis, but with West unlikely to do anything at this stage in the season, the club wanted to plan for 1984.

In a recent club program, Vest appealed to supporters to back the current crop of players, and said the squad's morale had never been lower.

Certain players have been targets for disgruntled fans, with striker Paul Wormley and midfielder Mickey Brennan the most recent.

Brennan was suspended by the club for giving a "signal" to fans who jeered him, while the committee has told Wormley he is no longer required.

Wally Bojczuk and Stewart Blair were "hounded" after being signed earlier this year, and eventually Bojczuk return to State League club Azzurri while Blair went to Adelaide City in a deal involving Chris Manou switching to West.

Vest could be battling to retain some of this year's squad, upset by the suggested cash cuts.

Big centre back Robbie Dunn has already had feelers from Sydney clubs, and striker Graham Honeyman is considering seeing out his career in the State League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

SYDNEY CITY 0, WEST ADELAIDE 0. At Athletic Field. Crowd: 585.

HEIDELBERG 1 (J. Campbell), ST. GEORGE 4 (Barton, Wilkinson, Petkovski, Marton). At Olympic Village. Crowd: 2,000.

FOOTSCRAY 3 (Paton 3), WOLLONGONG 1 (R. Cottrell). At Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 1,500.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0, BRISBANE CITY 3 (Fabrizio, Bromfield, Hamilton). At St. George Stadium. Crowd: 3,350.

MARCONI 1 (Brown), NEWCASTLE KB 1 (Kerry). At Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3,752.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Wright), LEICHARDT 1 (Morsello). At Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 1,200.

CANBERRA CITY 0, PRESTON 1 (Ollerton). At Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,857.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Banfield), STH MELBOURNE 0. At Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 3,000.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE						HOME				AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt
1. PRESTON.....	22	12	7	3	35-20	43	8	2	1	22-11	26	4	5	2	13-9	17
2. SYDNEY CITY.....	22	11	7	4	30-22	40	8	4	0	19-5	28	3	3	4	11-17	12
3. NEWCASTLE.....	22	11	4	7	37-19	37	6	3	3	18-7	21	5	1	4	19-12	16
4. SAINT GEORGE.....	22	9	8	5	27-20	35	5	4	1	12-7	19	4	4	4	15-13	16
5. STH MELBOURNE.....	22	9	5	8	30-29	32	4	3	4	14-14	15	5	2	4	16-15	17
6. BRISBANE CITY.....	22	8	8	6	28-32	32	4	5	2	17-15	17	4	3	4	11-17	15
7. LEICHARDT.....	22	9	4	9	34-27	31	7	2	2	22-9	23	2	2	7	12-18	8
8. SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	22	9	4	9	30-24	31	4	2	4	15-11	14	5	2	5	15-13	17
9. MARCONI.....	22	8	7	7	35-30	31	5	3	3	20-16	18	3	4	4	15-14	13
10. CANBERRA CITY.....	22	8	4	10	35-36	28	6	3	2	23-11	21	2	1	8	12-25	7
11. ADELAIDE CITY.....	23	8	4	11	26-27	28	5	2	4	13-11	17	3	2	7	13-16	11
12. FOOTSCRAY.....	22	7	7	8	20-33	28	5	3	3	14-18	18	2	4	5	6-15	10
13. WEST ADELAIDE.....	22	5	9	8	17-26	24	4	4	4	13-15	16	1	5	4	4-11	8
14. HEIDELBERG.....	22	5	8	9	21-30	23	5	2	4	14-11	17	0	6	5	7-19	6
15. BRISBANE LIONS.....	22	5	5	12	27-43	20	5	1	5	19-17	16	0	4	7	8-26	4
16. WOLLONGONG.....	23	2	11	10	30-44	17	0	8	3	13-16	8	2	3	7	17-28	9

DEATH OF HARRY LAKMAKER

AUSTRALIAN Soccer heard the shock news that Harry Lakmaker died suddenly last Saturday morning. Mr Lakmaker was 61.



He had been one of the hardest-working officials

Wormley, signed by Vest, has already gone, and there is no guarantee Brennan will want to stay, or that supporters will want him.

Goalkeeper Martyn Crook, dropped and replaced by Gary Sproul, may finally make a move interstate.

Full-back Bill Amey is another "import" who is not the fans' favourite and he, too, could move on.

In the end, Vest may need a longer list of wanted players!

NOT AMUSED

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front — after saying they were interested.

Para said they were interested but had no plans for next year.

"We may look at it in two year's time," said secretary Mrs Sue Cooper.

"If we tried for 1984, we would be committing financial suicide."

While the S.A. Federation was never keen to lose more clubs to the NSL and had backed Victoria's original idea of Super Leagues in each State, it had eventually seen support for four S.A. teams as lifting the game as a whole.

They wanted four Adelaide clubs with the one to finish last of the group automatically relegated to leave a place for the State League champions to move up.

Now it is felt the local clubs have no incentive as far as going national is concerned and Adelaide City and West will be in the NSL as long as they can afford it — with little chance of being relegated.

Unless both clubs can come up with some cash to buy star players they will remain "plodders" in the NSL.

Mr Sheean said there would always be places

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

Sydney Olympic -v- Newcastle KB
Wollongong City -v- Heidelberg
St. George -v- Adelaide City
Brisbane City -v- Footscray
Leichhardt -v- Marconi
Preston -v- Brisbane Lions
West Adelaide -v- Canberra Arrows
South Melbourne -v- Sydney City

in the game for many years, most of his time and energy being spent on the welfare of Sydney City and, before the change of name, Sydney Hakoah.

Everyone in NSW Soccer knew Harry Lakmaker, an official who was involved in so many important decision-making moves since the foundation of the NSW Soccer Federation in 1957.

In recent years, Mr Lakmaker took a keen interest in the National Soccer League and was, in fact, Treasurer of that competition at the time of his death.

Before moving into administration, he was a player with the Sydney Austral club.

There will be a service today (Tuesday) at Che



Soccer crowds will, hopefully, be seeing more double headers in the future.

DOUBLE HEADER SPECTACULAR

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEXT SUNDAY at the St George Stadium, the first NSL double header this season will be staged when Saints take on Adelaide City followed by the "The Italian Job", when Leichhardt clashes with Marconi.

Last night, officials from the St George and Leichhardt clubs met in the boardroom of the Apia club to formulate Sunday's double header spectacular.

As well as the two NSL fixtures, an added bonus comes at 1 pm when Australia's Under 15's play New Zealand.

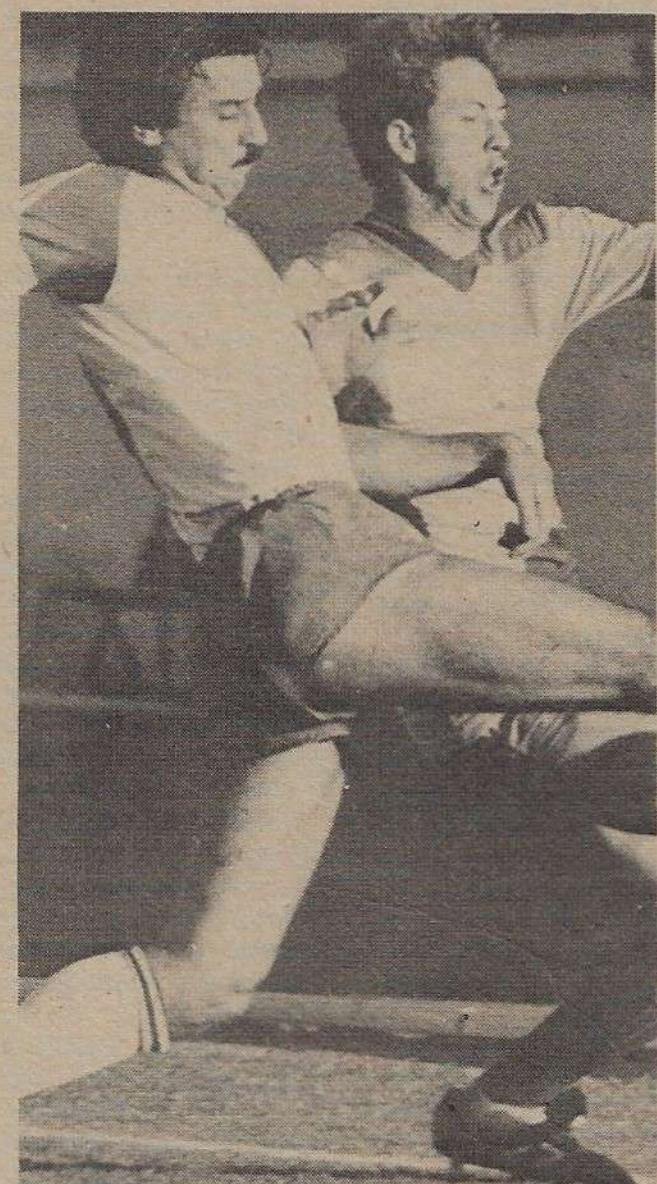
St George manager-coach, Frank Arok, said after the meeting: "It is the first time this season that two NSL clubs have got together to work out a double-act for the Soccer fans. Both matches are very interesting, as three of the teams are battling for top four positions, whilst the other is out to make life difficult for the rest."

Arok continued: "We are most satisfied with the arrangements because despite pitch rivalry, St George and Leichhardt were willing to co-operate to stage this double-card."

"We feel it will not be the last double header. We expect a big crowd from the three Sydney clubs, contributing to a great atmosphere."

Leichhardt's secretary-manager, Renato Orsatti, said after the meeting: "We had to get together and provide a good double-act for the Soccer public, promote it well and give a top value entertainment card for the Soccer fans."

MITCHELL SCORES



Striker David Mitchell (foreground)

LYSAGHT PLAYER GETS LIFE BAN

BY PHIL MURPHY

LYSAGHT'S player Ian Johnson has been suspended for life by the Illawarra Soccer Association Council.

Johnson appeared before the council on a charge of striking referee Peter Gleeson during the game against Unanderra at Lysaght's Recreation Ground.

At a lengthy hearing, Unanderra club produced a video of the game but Association president George Naylor said the video was not conclusive evidence.

He said Johnson produced a number of witness-

ses during the hearing and was given every chance to prove his innocence.

"In a case of this kind we have the policy that a player must be allowed to bring forward witnesses if he feels they can help the case," Naylor said.

Another Lysaght's player, Gary Johnson, also appeared at the hearing.

He was charged with approaching the referee

in a threatening manner after the final whistle.

It was reported he ran from the Lysaght's goal half the length of the field

QSF WANTS NSL DRAW GUARANTEE

QUEENSLAND's two National League clubs, Brisbane City and Lions, could seek written guarantees from the NSL on the draw for the proposed regionalised 1984 competition, reports Geoff Stead.

The two clubs have been prompted by the Queensland Soccer Federation Management Committee to get the guarantees before agreeing to the new format.

It is understood the QSF Management Committee fears that under the format, which allows the NSL management to allocate venues, Queensland could go years without seeing some prominent Southern teams.

Under the format, expected to be announced this weekend, it is under-

stood the Queensland sides would play the Adelaide teams twice, teams from Melbourne once and a group of teams from Sydney once.

City and Lions would not play those teams in Section A of the Eastern Region.

The two clubs, the QSF Management Committee and the NSL officials Stefan Kamasz and Peter Sheean met at Perry Park more than a week ago at which verbal assurances were given that the draw would be rotated.

But the QSF is still urging the clubs to get something in writing.

After experiencing first hand the collapse of its

State League, the Federation believes it can see the writing on the wall for City and Lions in the NSL.

In the State League, the country teams were left out in the cold when the Brisbane-based sides after three years objected to subsidising the extra travel costs of teams like Townsville and Capricornia (Rockhampton).

The QSF fears, in time, the Sydney and Melbourne clubs could take the same attitude with regards to Brisbane and Adelaide sides.

City and Lions are likely to raise the matter at the next NSL Council of clubs meeting.

towards Gleeson but was pulled back by a club official. The council severely reprimanded him.

They also had a lengthy discussion with Lysaght's officials about the club's disciplinary record this season.

They were told their club has the worst record in the Association and later Naylor said he is confident this situation will change.

Only a week earlier Cringila player Jimmy Spirovski was outed until the start of 1987 after being involved in an incident with referee Vince Caloi during the game against Warilla Wanderers.

Since that incident an 18-year-old cadet referee was knocked "out cold" while refereeing an under 16 semi-final between Warilla Wanderers and Berkeley.

The recent violence combined with a record number of red and yellow cards have prompted former Association judiciary chairman Danny Delaney to call for stiffer punishments.

He said positive action must be taken immediately to prevent complete chaos.

Delaney said players punching or kicking other players must be outed for half a season to make other players realise they face the same fate.

"The present sentences and fines just don't seem to be working so they must be increased," he said.

Clubs might have to realise they have a big responsibility in this matter.

If they suddenly find themselves without a key player for half a season they might have to make sure it doesn't happen again.

There is also a very real danger of Soccer in Illawarra becoming extinct because there won't be any referees to control games.

In recent years a number of experienced referees have given the game away and less experienced men have had to control games they should not have handled.

HANWOOD CATHOLIC SOCCER CLUB

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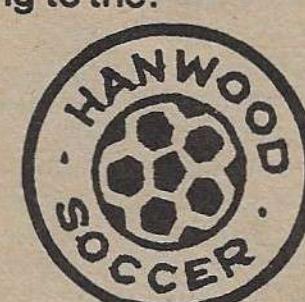
Invites applications for **PLAYER-COACHES** or Coaches for the 1st Grade Team and Under 23 Team for the 1984 season.

The Club competes in the ACT League Competition. Preferences for a **PLAYER-COACH**, but all applications will be given due consideration.

Players who are interested in playing for the HANWOOD CLUB in 1984, are also invited to make an application as the club is seeking the services of a **GOALKEEPER** (in particular) and various field positions.

All applications for the various coaching and playing positions, should be submitted in writing to the:

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HANWOOD CATHOLIC SOCCER CLUB
P.O. BOX 102
HANWOOD NSW 2674



Please state qualifications and experience, and proposed terms to successful negotiation with the Club. Closing Date for all applications: SEPTEMBER 30th. Telephone enquiries: 069 62 1214 (after 8pm)

ROUND UP



Brisbane's City's Billy Williamson moves across to cover Sydney Olympic's classy defender on the ball, Martyn Rogers. Rogers was one of only two Olympic players to come out of this match with his reputation unscathed.

OLYMPIC NO-HOPERS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC has long been referred to as the sleeping giant of Australian Soccer.

After some of the tragic and sad scenes at St George Stadium last Sunday when Olympic lost 3-0 to Brisbane City, this image must have been

smashed to smithereens. Olympic is not the sleeping giant — it is the biggest no-hoper in Australian Soccer!

Four weeks ago Olympic was the most exciting and entertaining team in the game here. Now it is a shattered, broken and

BY TOM ANDERSON.

divided outfit... victim of its own circumstance.

The number of times this has happened to the club is now no joke.

Ace British coach Tommy Docherty is ready to pack his bags and go home; top striker Steve Paterson doesn't want to saddle up again and many



Jim Hermiston

'Sad day for Soccer'

ing around like vultures at the Olympic game on Sunday — before the carcass was even delivered.

Coaches, I may add, I wouldn't let near a kids team.

Even Henry Kissinger couldn't get Olympic out of their present mess.

As for the game itself, all credit must go to Brisbane City and coach Jim Hermiston for capitalising on Olympic's woes and winning the match.

They are well coached by Hermiston who is a protege of The Doc's.

The Queenslanders made capital of some terrible play in the Olympic midfield to carve out and score the three goals.

They were scored by Lucciano Fabrizi 37th minute, Gary Bromfield 57th minute and Bobby Hamilton 78th minute.

As a coach, The Doc was in a hopeless situation on Sunday — tragically put there through no fault of his own.

This was a sad day for Olympic and indeed Australian Soccer and it highlights the instability that exists in the present club set-up.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Coady, Dakos, Herbert, Jennings; Rogers, Patikas, Katholos, Phillips; Soper, Paterson (Koussas 45).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart; Caird, Perry, Liddell, Wilkinson; Fabrizi, Pimblett, Williamson, Hamilton; Bromfield, Glockner (Falco 82).

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc.
CROWD: 3,350.

BIG OLLIE GETS A VITAL GOAL

BY STEVE BURNS

AGE does not weary him, nor the years condemn. Veteran Peter Ollerton just keeps bobbing up when Preston so vitally need him.

On Sunday, his solitary goal match-winner increased dramatically Preston's lead at the top of the NSL.

Preston's victim was Canberra Arrows — but Canberra was unlucky to lose.

Quicker to the ball and much more determined, they outplayed the League leaders and made them look anything but possible premiers.

But Canberra made two fundamental errors. The first was to persist with the high ball, the second not to have brought on Tony Brennan a great de-

al earlier.

When Brennan did appear — for Phil Redmond in the 65th minute — he showed much of his old zest, determination, and hard running.

Could Brennan have sustained the effort for a full 90 minutes?

As for the high balls, Preston's big backline dealt with them with ease, as did goalkeeper, Richard Wilson.

Wilson had a great game against his old club, and one save in particular was super.

It wasn't until the final 15 minutes that Preston's well-drilled defence looked shaky and uncertain.

At the other end, Preston did creat chances after proving time and

Despite packing the de-

fence with seven and eight players in the last 15 minutes, Canberra did force five corners and had Preston in trouble.

But there always seemed to be the one leg, boot or body too many.

And then there was Richard Wilson.

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It came late in the second half to deny Don McLaren a vital equaliser.

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again to be the masters of the quick break.

Wee Georgie Campbell made several jinxing runs and Zarko Odzakov showed impressive close-ball skills.

Both he and Campbell deserved to score but Canberra's goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski, denied them their opportunity.

So often, Canberra threatened to score... and threatened... and threatened...

It all came to nothing. And finally the match-winner tragically came from Canberra's only defensive error when a headed clearance fell straight to big Ollie's feet near the edge of the pen-

alty area and after easily brushing aside a tackle from full-back, Andrew Young, Ollerton scored.

But Canberra who, like Preston, were so savagely beaten the previous weekend can take consolation from their gutsy fighting performance.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, Young, Amrosino, Murray, Walsh, Bryant, Stone, Gibson, Redmond (Brennan 65), McLaren, Farina.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinas, Petrovski, Ilioski, Jones, Todorovski, Campbell, Flavell, Farrell, Odzakov, Ollerton.

REFEREE: H. Wilkinson.

CROWD: 1,874.

SLICKERS SLUMP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY CITY lost a glorious chance of precious premiership points when the unrated West Adelaide went away from Sydney Athletic Field with a hard-won 1-0 draw.

This slip-up by the Slickers will make their task of winning a fourth successive NSL title that much more difficult.

Understandably, Westad came to Sydney intent to play it tight, and in this department, giant centre-back, Robbie Dunn, together with Alan Hiern, were magnificent.

John Kosmina found it very difficult to bust through the middle as Willie Murray desperately probed the flanks.

Joe Watson repeatedly switched play with his crosses, but Westad shut-down.

Sydney City's midfielder, Jean Paul de Marigny, almost solved his team's problem

when he hit the post in the first half. Westad would have had to come out had Marigny's shot gone in.

But the visitors continued to rely on the odd break-away.

One of these almost proved fatal to Sydney City when in the 56th minute, Westad's striker Tim Brown shot from close range, bringing a great save from goalkeeper, Tony Pezzano.

But the ball ran loose to the right where flankman Graham Heys latched on to it. Heys blasted well on target, only to see Pezzano get up off the floor from the previous save and again save with his left leg.

These double successive Pezzano saves, in fact, saved Sydney City.

Sydney City's midfield trio of Gomez, de Marigny and Barnes, lacked some imagination to tear open Westad at the back.

Tough as teak, right-back, Ian Souness, in the 78th minute, frustrated by the close-

marking, pushed up on the right and first-timed a vicious 25 metre shot that screamed over the West Adelaide crossbar.

Disappointed Sydney City coach, Eddie Thomson, said after: "It was a terrible match to watch and we lacked imagination. Westad did their job and did it well. The onus was on us to bust them. I only wish I had available for selection, Paul Kay and Kenny Boden."

"It would have been a different story had they played."

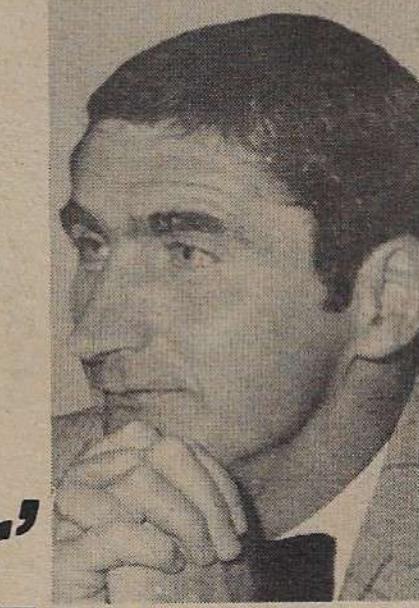
SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Souness, O'Connor, Robertson, Cant; Watson, Gomez, de Marigny, Barnes; Kosmina, Murray.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul; Papazoglou, Dunn, Hiern, McGregor; Atsalas, Brennan, Doorne, Stamatalopoulos; Heys, Brown.

REFEREE: Ken Small.

CROWD: 589.

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Coady, Dakos, Herbert, Jennings; Rogers, Patikas, Katholos, Phillips; Soper, Paterson (Koussas 45).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart; Caird, Perry, Liddell, Wilkinson; Fabrizi, Pimblett, Williamson, Hamilton; Bromfield, Glockner (Falco 82).

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc.
CROWD: 3,350.

PATON GRABS HAT TRICK

BY HARRY HALL

A GLORIOUS hat-trick by Jamie Paton gave Footscray a convincing 3-1 win over bottom-placed Wollongong City.

Footscray overcame the shock of an early goal by Roy Cotton and came back to win convincingly.

After a shaky first quarter, Footscray imposed their authority on the game and dominated in all areas.

Wollongong City hit the lead in the 10th minute when Ainsworth dispossessed Paton and chipped the ball to Cotton who placed it in the net beyond Boland's reach.

The goal awakened Footscray who subsequently created chances galore in front of Vardareff's goal, but they went astray until the 44th minute when Paton struck for the first time.

Paton connected with a Purdie cross to hammer the ball home.

Footscray continued dominating the game in the second half and their lead seemed inevitable because of tremendous pressure they applied on their opponents.

Paton struck for the second time in the 54th minute with a perfect opportunist goal. He latched on to a loose ball, weaved his way through the defence and side-stepped Vardareff to place the ball home.

Indicative of Footscray's dominance is the account of corner-kicks conceded by the visitors throughout the game. Wollongong conceded 17 corners against six by Footscray.

Second-half substitute, Zdravko Lujic, contributed to his team's win by initiating the attacking move which produced the third goal. Lujic fed O'Donnell with a through ball and the talented midfielder in turn squared to Paton who made the final scoreline Footscray 3 Wollongong 1.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, McDowell, Curovic, Kyriakouleas, Tutil, Belic, Taylor, Carroll, Paton, O'Donnell, Purdie (Lujic 69).

WOLLONGONG CITY: Vardareff, Willis, Kerr, Duleavy, Vlietstra, Ainsworth, Dickson, Fleming, Cotton, Gaffney, O'Connor.

REFEREE: E. Venios.
CROWD: 1,700.

ROUND UP

LIONS THROW AWAY POINTS

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS once again showed its happy knack of throwing away much needed points by drawing 1-1 with Leichhardt at Richlands Stadium.

Lions led from the 64th minute but conceded the equaliser with only five minutes to go.

So many times in recent weeks Lions have had victory within their grasp only to throw it away in the last minutes.

The struggling Brisbane side led against Wollongong but lost to the match in the last five minutes; led against Footscray but also went down 2-1 and a fortnight ago, had Brisbane City on their knees but failed to finish them off by missing chances in the dying stages.

Although Lions desperately needed the three

points from this match, a draw was a fair result after Leichhardt's fighting comeback.

After a lifeless first half in which Leichhardt probably had the better of the limited number of chances, Lions' Danny Wright put the home side ahead 19 minutes into the second half with a brilliant individual goal.

Had the spectators who turned up to see Peter Sharne in the Leichhardt side been disappointed by his absence, they surely were compensated by Wright's goal — which he described as his best ever.

Substitute Clark Anderson played a delightful

flick with his very first touch to give Wright a glorious run down the wing but the Young Socceroo was quickly penned into the corner by Leichhardt defenders, Mark Brown and Berti Mariani. Wright seemed to be in a hopeless position but produced brilliant skills to beat both players then slot the ball past keeper Rob Parkes from an acute angle 12 metres out.

Lions had a number of chances shortly after the goal, the best falling to Calvin Daunt who bombed a far post header. But it was then the Leichhardt revival began.

Although not aided by



ADELAIDE CITY REVIVAL CONTINUES

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY continued to rise from the ashes with a 1-0 win over title-challengers South Melbourne at Olympic Sports Field.

While the goal came from a penalty in the 34th minute when young striker Peter Rankin stumbled in the box then finished on top of goalkeeper, Peter Laumets, who needed attention for three minutes, City fans were happy.

The spot kick by Neil Banfield, was treated with a roar worthy of a League title.

And while that shot was one of the very few by City, their supporters had at last seen raids aplenty and also more fight in the team than for weeks against interstate opposition.

With captain and full-back, Bugsy Nyskohus, again missing with a thigh injury, young Paul Shillabeer came in and played a blinder.

Midfielder Les Carter was also out, suspended, and Glenn Dods filled his role and destroyed like a gladiator.

It was this aspect of the match which upset South's coach, Len McKendry.

"Some of the tackles, in the first half in particular, were murder," he said.

"We changed our tactics in the second half and hemmed in City but the goals didn't come," he added.

But for a brilliant leap by goalkeeper, Willie McNally, to a free-kick by Carl Halford, which finished as a corner, it could have been 1-1.

McKendry said he did not want to discuss referees.

City coach, Bobby Ferguson, made no apologies for his team's hard tackling.

"Why shouldn't we go in hard," he said.

"That is the way we planned it; we got the three points and there was nothing vicious about our game."

Rankin ran riot all day in one of his best games, and the Australian born third generation, dinkie-die teenager, emerged as the hero of the home side.

Neville Flounders at the back along with Banfield, Shillabeer, and Phil Cole, charged into the Victorians in a fighting defensive formation.

Ken Murphy, along with Crino and Halford, worked hard to set up chances for front-runners Doug Brown and Charlie Egan, as did Alan Davidson; while Brown's neat touches looked impressive, the state of the pitch made it difficult for ball players.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Cole, Dods, Shillabeer, Banfield, Flounders, Melta, Blair, Mullen, Villani, Rankin.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Davidson, Blair, Xanthopoulos, Halford, Murphy, Crino, Brown, Yzendoorn, Egan.

REFEREE: J. Rossis.

CROWD: 2,325.



TONY MORSELLO



GLEN DODS

FANS CALL FOR COACH'S HEAD!

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

HEIDELBERG UNITED supporters went on a witch-hunt on Sunday afternoon after their team had been demoralised in a 4-1 defeat by the mighty Saints.

Exasperated Heidelberg fans demanded coach Ken Morton's instant dismissal, for as they claim, "He's responsible for the failure of the team in the championship so far."

This time last year, Heidelberg United were vying for a position in the top four so fans refuse to accept the fact their team is languishing at the foot of the table.

Frank Arok received the best gift for becoming a grandfather from his well-disciplined and efficiently-drilled team at Olympic Village.

"It is the best gift I could expect from the boys," emotional Arok commented.

"The boys worked hard and I thank them for making this day a memorable one."

Saints dominated Heidelberg all day, with the exception of a 20 minute spell immediately after Toro's coming into the game... a rather amusing substitution that saw Heidelberg's best player Mike Petersen, going off the field.

St George clung to its lead from 15 minutes when Barton slammed the ball into the net with a powerful volley.

Heidelberg reacted positively and managed to level the score eight minutes later from a solo run by Jimmy Campbell.

Campbell burst forward, evaded a number of tackles and beat Terry Greedy from close-range with a waist-high shot.

St George refused to surrender and kept pushing from the flanks with Robbie Slater and David Skeen constantly carrying the ball forward, while the veteran Dez Marton was creating havoc in the middle of the

park with his tremendous skills and accurate ball distribution.

It was Marton who engineered St George's second goal.

Marton beat Socceroo sweeper, Charlie Yankos on the touchline and crossed the ball inside the box where unmarked Paul Wilkinson flashed home a perfect header.

Heidelberg lost composure after St George had grabbed the lead and committed a number of defensive mistakes, one of which enabled the Saints to increase the margin in the 37th minute.

Young Peter Petkovski, playing his third full game for the Saints, exploited the momentary hesitation by Yankos and McKie to clear the ball and smashed it into the net giving the Saints a 3-1 lead at half-time.

Heidelberg tried desperately to level the game in the second half but had no effective reply to St George's determination and fighting spirit.

Once again, Heidelberg's strikers, squandered a glut of scoring opportunities, much to the disenchantment of their disgruntled fans.

The arrival of Juan Toro in the 60th minute helped Heidelberg gain some composure in the midfield, but he did not receive enough support from his team-mates.

The magic of Dez Marton once again contributed to St George's fourth goal. Marton exchanged the ball quickly with Slater and found himself at the end of that exchange, beat two defenders and placed the ball in the net.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Kardamitis, McKie, Tansey, Spanos, McLeod, Yankos, Petersen (Toro 60), Selemidis, Cole, Lea, Campbell.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, Barton (Stone 85), Petkovski, Wilkinson, J. O'Shea, Marton, Slater.

REFEREE: C. Cambridge.

CROWD: 1,500.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NEWCASTLE'S biggest enemy in their 1-1 draw with Marconi at Marconi Stadium was the winding bus trip to Sydney, according to KB coach Ken Kaiser.

"Three hours bus ride to Sydney churns up the players. We will be doing it regularly next season and it cuts into our performance," he said.

"We travel to Melbourne by air, have a snack on the way, and all the boys are relaxed for the game."

If the NSL could afford air fares Newcastle-Sydney return, Kaiser reckons it could be the difference between winning

a championship and narrowly missing out.

But Kaiser wasn't the only coach on the day to have a bit of a gripe after an excellent game.

Marconi's Doug Collins was unhappy over Newcastle's goal.

David Lowe released his pass at the right moment to put Bernard Kerby through to score and the crowd howled for offside.

The video seems to show that he was, but referee Doug Rennie ruled otherwise and that was that.

Marconi seemed certain to start the scoring as early as the sixth minute. Vic Bozanic sent Rod Brown streaming through the middle and Gary Watson didn't have the ghost of a chance of catching him.

When a goal seemed absolutely certain, Clint Gosling came out to make a remarkable save with both legs.

Actually Gosling must

make a speciality of these saves as he denied Steve Winn a goal at a similar stage in the second half.

In the 10th minute Kerby had a great chance but he failed to settle and toed the ball past the upright.

The pattern soon emerged of chance upon chance to either team.

Marconi recorded their equaliser after a piece of brilliant play that started in midfield with Tom Sermanni sending Rene Licata on his way along the left.

He extricated himself from the attention of two defenders whilst hemmed in by the goal-line and got his cross away to the far post.

In a near-miraculous effort, Rod Brown got his forehead to the ball just as Gosling was about to grasp it and it was in the back of the net.

Marconi had somewhat the better of the second half which featured attack upon attack at either

end.

There was quite a list of heroes in the game. Both sets of central defenders, Tony Henderson and Ricky Budini on one hand and Peter Burke and Gary Watson on the other were extremely sound.

In less than a minute of extra time Bob Mountford missed what could have been the winner with a header that should have gone in from substitute Ian Buckley's cross.

MARCONI: James, Djordjevic, Bozanic, McCulloch, Henderson, Budini, Carbone, Sermani, Brown, Winn, Licata (Jankovics 79).

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Tredinnick, Mason, Burke, Watson, Senkalski, Mountford, Lowe, Jones (Buckley 76), Kerby.

REFEREE: D. Rennie.
CROWD: 3,272.

COACH UPSETS COACH

BY KEITH GILMOUR

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SIX U15 TEAMS BUT NSW TOPS

BY DON BALMAIN

THE UNDER 15 Women's Australian Championships were held in Canberra on the O'Connor Oval fields with the first games getting under way at 9.30 on the Saturday morning.

This is the second occasion on which the titles have been held — the inaugural tournament being hosted by Victoria last year.

Teams competing this year were Victoria, NSW, Nthn NSW, Sth Qld, WA and ACT.

Northern NSW were drawn against the host side, ACT, in the first

way against Western Australia.

They were contained by the Westerners and could not break away as they did on the first day. The score was 1-0 for the North.

Game three saw a determined ACT up against NSW.

For this game, NSW stood off three of its best

match.

Johnny Warren entertained all teams at his Soccer Academy at Gold Creek homestead during their stay in Canberra.

After feeding the multitude, he demonstrated basic skills and showed videos of matches.

The final day of the carnival saw ACT playing Victoria in the first game.

ACT was first to score with a good goal halfway through the first period. It was not until late into the second half that Victoria equalised. The match finished 1-1.

WA took on the Sth Queensland side in the second last game of the tournament. Although Queensland put the Westerners under a lot of pressure and had several chances, they were unable to score until the last few minutes of the second half.

Inexperience of the Western Australia girls let them down in this game. The team was chosen from club sides and did not have the advantage of other States where regular under 15 representative games are played.

Queensland won 1-0.

Tension had been building through the morning for the two NSW sides.

Nthn NSW and NSW were on equal points before this game and both sides were fast breaking with good sharp attacking forwards.

NSW went into the break one up after an excellent display of thinking football.

In a desperation move, the Sth Qld coach started substituting players. They scored a penalty and shortly afterwards the equaliser.

In the match between ACT and WA, both sides were determined to win as neither had points on the board.

Canberra started playing at rocket speed and were four goals up by half time.

The WA coach took the team to task during the interval and told them to lose their cock-sure attitude and play football.

The ACT side did not score again in the match but WA managed to pull one back for a score of 4-1.

In the final match of the day, NSW took on Victoria and again the game was played at a cracking pace.

During the game a Victorian player went down with an asthma attack. Due to a misunderstanding, the Victorian manager ran on the field to be given a yellow card for his trouble!

Following this incident NSW scored twice within a minute and again towards the end of the

Women in Soccer

By Don Balmain

game and showed they would be the team to beat.

The side were very sharp and fast in attack. They had no difficulty in turning in a superior performance to soundly win 5-0.

Western Australia, in their first attempt at the title, were very tentative. It was not until halfway through the first half that Victoria scored.

After their initial session of nerves, the Westerners settled down and although the game was end-to-end, the Vics had to be content with the lone goal.

The third game of the day was between Sth Queensland and NSW.

This was the best of the day, with a 1-1 draw the result.

The Waratah side had it their own way in the first half but after the break, Sth Queensland picked up a little to contain their opponents.

Northern NSW played Victoria in the fourth game and whilst appearing to be slightly on top, it was not until their second goal, a penalty against Victoria for hand ball, that Victoria played negative football.

The remaining two games were between Sth Qld and ACT and NSW and Western Australia.

South Queensland were slightly the better team right through and after scoring their goal, held a determined Canberra team to finish at 1-0.

Newcomers, WA were defeated 2-0 by NSW in a match that did not reach great heights.

Victoria took on Sth Qld in the first game of day two and with two games under their belts, looked a different side altogether. The Victorians took the game 3-1.

Northern NSW did not have things their own

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, 261 Broadway, NSW, 2007.

IMPROVING

PETER SHARNE'S comments on the declining standards of Australian Soccer, as reported in your last issue made me chuckle. Any close follower of the game will tell you that the standard of Australian-bred young players is increasing each year. A few years back, highly-skilled and brainy locally produced players like Abonyi and Warren were genetic rejects.

This year, in the NSL and the Youth League, we are starting to see the fruits of better coaching, better competition and the existence of the much maligned Australian Institute of Sport, where Soccer is the only major football code represented.

As many young players new to NSL settle in, the form vagaries experienced by some of the clubs will be ironed out and overall standards further improved.

What stands in the way of the NSL is partly of Soccer's own making.

The disarray Soccer projects is not only reflected in the media, but in the minds of media managers and politicians and allows those with vested interests in other codes to justify unfair discrimination against Soccer.

The Cricket Ground fiasco during the World Youth Cup; the Leichhardt Oval affair; the general treatment of Soccer by the ABC, the cover-

age by Channel 7 of the recent England internationals all suggest that the administrators, followers and thousands of practitioners of the round ball have little political credibility in this country.

Thomas A Havas O'Connor, A.C.T.

GUARANTEE

AS a regular reader of your paper I find the endless search for ways and means of improving the game, embarked upon by so many of your scribes and subscribers, sometimes amusing, sometimes thought-provoking, sometimes logically thought out and discussed, but very seldom simple enough to enable quick action or adoption.

Always there is the traditionalist viewpoint that the basic game should not be changed to accommodate the modern participant.

However there is one avenue that I have never seen explored, a theory that stands up to the most stringent of analysis and in fact the only way that more goals can be GUARANTEED in the game no matter where it is played in the world.

A statistical examination of Soccer leagues in any given competition will show a definite pattern.

As the standard of Soccer improves, so does the number of goals scored per match drop. Therefore, our top league, the national competition,

has the least number of goals scored per match in Australia. Obviously the better a player, the better the teamwork, and with modern coaching placing heavy emphasis on teamwork, the less number of errors being made and so less goals.

If we accept that today's coaching methods are better preparing players and teams to play the game, we should accept that something should be changed to make it harder for them to play it. It has long been accepted by coaches that it is easier to teach players to defend than attack and there is little doubt that the statistical picture tells us that the higher the standard the better the defences of teams.

The goal area being defended by goalkeeper and defence has remained unchanged since the game began. Due to tactics, fitness and commitment, that 24 feet x 8 feet target has over the years become "smaller and smaller" in the eyes of the poor player who in turn the public look to score the goals.

What would happen were the target increased by one foot in either direction? The possibilities are endless but one definite emerges; every ball that strikes the posts or bar would go in. More goals guaranteed. For the cost of six pieces of pipe and a few hours work, more goals.

Jim Binnie, Brisbane.

SUPER ASW dated Aug 23 and with 24 beaut pages. How do you keep up standard? One com-

plaint — Readers Forum — not enough letters. It's worth a page on its own. Sorry about that whinge. There's something for everyone in latest edition. Perhaps it is the best ASW ever. Keep up good work.

George Nicholson, Manly, NSW.

COACHING

RECENTLY I read in your publication of "Long-Term Coaching Program" instituted by Ku-Ring-Gai District Soccer Assoc.

I can see great merit in this program and hope that you can continue to publish more coaching ideas for juniors.

Possibly in more detail with a page devoted to junior tips from senior players and coaches, eg, Joe Watson, Marshall Soper, Peter Sharne, Casey De Bruin, Rale Rasic & Tommy Doherty to mention a few.

Then hopefully more coaches and districts will



Marshall Soper

see the need for better coaching programs for juniors.

Derek Henderson, Bellambi, 2518.

NOT GUILTY!

I have read Tom Anderson's report on the Sydney City v Leichhardt game. Mr Anderson over-reacted on certain points and neglected to write the real story of what happened. He claims the following. We (City supp.) went over to incite a riot, six against 200, I ask you, that is suicide. We did not call them wogs, use obscene language outside the dressing room or spray beer on the Leichhardt supporters.

We City supporters just wanted to chant for our team singing songs such as "CITY, CITY" and "CHAMPIONS, CHAMPIONS".

It was the Leichhardt supporters who stormed the dressing room, and threw the first punch. They started the language by calling us names and picked up a bench outside the dressing room and attacked us with it. No racism exists here and we had no intention of causing trouble to anyone.

Is it such a crime, to actually sing for, and support, your team? If this is so, then Australian football is on its way downhill, very fast.

Annoyed, City Supporter.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

SOCER is a family affair with the Gladesville Ravens Division 1 team in the Gladesville-Hornsby Women's Football Association.

Among the members of the team are two pairs of sisters and an aunt-niece combination.



(PHOTO) L to R: Gai and Kerri Hillyard of Ryde, and Pam Harris and Margaret Rexstraw of Gladesville, who participate together with that special understanding that sisters share. Janice Owen keeps a watchful aunt's eye on her niece Pauline Bain, while Pauline's mother Margaret Bain does the chores as team manager.

In addition, six of the girls in the team have younger sisters playing with the Ravens Under-14 and Under-16 teams.

There is no doubt about the topic of conversation at the Sunday night dinner table in these homes. Perhaps this family unity is the reason why the Ravens have followed their success in 1982 by once again placing two teams into grand finals.

Although the club is relatively new to women's Soccer, the depth of talent is already impressive.



Bobby McGinn in Apia days

BOBBY McGINN was always a solid full-back in his days with Apia and many people were surprised when he dropped down a class to play in the NSW State League.

McGinn, however, is still doing his stuff. After six weeks on the injured list, he made a magnificent comeback to first grade when Melita Eagles beat Kuringai 3-0.

"McGinn didn't put a foot wrong in 90 minutes playing as sweeper," said Melita president Emmanuel Said.

ONE night last week, the NSW Federation executive discussed the proposed 24-team National League plan.

On the same night, the Victorian Federation discussed the proposed 24-team National League plan!

There was a telephone hook-up between Sydney and Melbourne that night.

Seems Australia's two most powerful States are not going their separate ways.

ADELAIDE CITY could have a guest star from Italy next season

He is an 18 year old striker — no name at this stage — who is with a Second Division team but is about to sign with A.C. Milan.

He has relations in Adelaide, and friends are hoping he will agree to a sponsorship deal which could see him here for two months in 1984.

TOMMY McCULLOCH and Paul Daley were honoured recently by the Mayor of Blacktown, Ald Lynch, with a reception for their efforts in making the Australian World Youth squad to Mexico.

Both of these Young Champions are Mt Druitt boys, and much of their early Soccer was with the Lethbridge Rangers Club.

At the reception, Tommy and Paul were presented with lovely engraved goblets.

ON McCulloch and Daley, there are another two coming through the ranks.

Young Trevor Daley has been chosen in the State Under 14s for National Championships in Brisbane, and George McCulloch scored the winner for Marconi's Under 16s in the Youth League Metropolitan Championship against Sydney Olympic.

So Marconi and Melita have good, strong, future connections.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC's classy defender-cum-midfielder, Martyn Rogers, despite his team's erratic form, has been the club's top performer over the last 10 weeks.

Yet Martyn's quality work rarely gets acknowledged by the general Press or club supporters.

Rogers is the only player playing for Sydney Olympic who has played in the first team of Manchester United.

Financial reasons were responsible for Rogers leaving United.

This is one player with his head screwed on.

STEFAN KAMASZ is under fire from officials of the NSW Soccer Federation.

The Federation was very angry about statements from NSL secretary Kamasz which appeared in Sydney's Daily Telegraph.

Kamasz was quoted: "Contrary to the spirit shown by other State Federations, NSW is acting in an irresponsible manner. The political manner in which NSW is going about things, makes Joh Bjelke Petersen look like a schoolboy."

The Telegraph story was about the proposed new 24-team NSL.

WORD has it that long-time top ACT club Juventus — or West Woden Juventus to give it its full title — have purchased a former Rules club — the Hibiscus.

It went, apparently, for a remarkably cheap price.

Now the club intends to open quickly and make a success of the venture.



Paul Wormley
visa running out

PAUL WORMLEY, West Adelaide striker who was told he "was no longer required by the club" is now in Melbourne.

He has 10 days to find a new club before his visa runs out and he has to return to England.

IT APPEARS likely that Bob Mountford and Ian Buckley will be heading for the shores of England to try and gain places in lower division sides.

It is doubtful if either will be included in Newcastle KB United's team building plans for next season.

GOALS by Peter Burke and Ian Buckley carried Newcastle KB United through to the final of the Westbury Cup in a 2-nil thriller over West Wallsend.

KB will meet Adamstown, who won on a penalty count against Weston in the other semi-final, tonight (Tuesday) at Cardiff.

Without Ralph Maier and David Lowe, both out with ankle injuries, Newcastle were hard pressed to hold a top class West Wallsend side. Former KB players John Sneddon and Grant Storey were outstanding for the losers.

GARY Sproul, who has displaced Martyn Crook as first choice goalkeeper for West Adelaide, may not be in the NSL next season.

He is a Croatia player, and only on loan to West who will have to come up with a hefty transfer fee if they want to retain the former West Ham keeper.

JOHN VLIETSTRA, secretary of Wollongong Wolves, was quoted recently saying his club was the last in the NSL to increase admission charges to \$5.

Not so, says a supporter of Newcastle KB United, who phoned ASW.

"Like Wollongong, Newcastle is suffering a depression caused by unemployment," he said. "We decided to keep our price at \$4 because so many people here are very hard up."

TELEVISION replay of the Charity Shield match in which Manchester United beat Liverpool 2-0 will be shown by TCN 9 on September 12.

This will be just one of the many Soccer events shown by the network this year.

POPULAR winger David Jones celebrated his 100th game for Newcastle KB United against South Melbourne two weeks ago.



New grand dad Arok with Saints Robbie Slater

TONY PEZZANO kept his place in goal for Sydney City against West Adelaide at the weekend, although many people tipped first choice Todd Clarke to take over.

"Tony did nothing wrong while Todd was overseas so he kept his position against West Adelaide," said coach Eddie Thomson.

Thomson says Pezzano is an object lesson to all players who have to wait a long time to gatecrash the first XI.



Martyn Rogers (left)...classy Olympian

TAMWORTH CITY 'RAIDERS'

Invite applications for the position of First Grade Coach for the 1984 season in Nth NSW first division.

Applications in writing detailing qualifications, age, playing career, etc.

Acting Secretary,
Tamworth City Soccer Club
P.O. Box 72,
Manilla 2346

Applications close Tues. Sept. 27



SOCER: A CAPITAL GAME

WHAT is the go-ahead sport in A.C.T. secondary schools? The answer — Soccer, according to A.C.T. Schools Authority sports co-ordinator, Peter Weddell.

So much so that there are now six separate competitions in the various age groups.

In most, eight High schools — or colleges in the national capital for year 11 and 12 students — are competing.

"The growth rate is encouraging," said Mr Weddell. "So is the enthusiasm."

"This is particularly so with girls and I must say the growth in Soccer has been at its most dramatic with High school girls."

"So many want to play, their all girl competitions are flourishing."

Solid proof of the growth rate, surely encouraging to all Soccer fans, is Canberra's participation in this year's Australian Secondary School Championships (boys' teams) — and the very first A.C.T. Secondary School Open Age Girls team.

Canberra's boys' team, in preparation for this year's finals in Brisbane

from August 29 to September 2, recently took on NSW at Canberra's Bruce Stadium.

And the girls — as an additional attraction — played the NSW girls secondary school team.

The result was two victories for NSW, 2-0 in the boys and 7-0 for the girls.

The boys' game was close. The girls' team was only put together close to the game and had only two training sessions.

Their unpaid coach, incidentally, is Canberra Arrows front-runner Ian Gibson — himself a teacher at Campbell High School.

Said David Sheridan, a teacher at Holder High School and the manager of the ACT team for the national titles: "The boys did well."

"This is the first time we have competed in the championships for many years. We have a strong team which, with training, is going to improve rapidly."

A big advantage to

Canberra is that it can — and does — have access to crack interstate players now attending high school or college in Canberra, players like Victoria's Darren White and Warren Spink and Queensland's Mark Boyd.

All three are members of the AIS squad and are students at Canberra's Dickson College.

Back to Mr Weddell. "We are now distributing a weekly draw to the various High schools in Soccer. I can only see the sport getting bigger."

"Apart from the regular school competitions we even have a weekly additional round-robin competition which the students play after school hours."

To show their keenness — it is costing each boy \$273 to get to Brisbane for the titles — they ran a huge kick-a-thon at the Bruce TAFE with various kids backed for various amounts of goals.

BY STEVE BURNS

UP, UP & AWAY!

IN 1982 St Spyridon U13A team was placed fourth in the Southern & Eastern Assn Div 2 competition. They were promoted to First Division for this season and ran out the competition winners, scoring 57 goals and conceding eight. A great season for the lads!



Players names are
U/13A Left to Right: Tom Adam (coach), Stan Malaxos, John Skotadis, Markou Pangas, Maurice Perez, Steve Stavrou, Michael Mihaloudis, Socratis Pangas (manager). Front Row Left to Right: Peter Raptis, John Loumanis, John Adam, Nick Nistazos, Alex Katsis. (Missing) — John Kambos, John Theotokas, John Faria, Andrew Djapouras.

THRASHED — BUT STILL SMILING

THRASHED 7-0 in their very first "friendly" against NSW, the newly-formed ACT Secondary Schools Girls team isn't despondent.

The girls' aim is to effect rapid improvement — under the guidance of Canberra Arrows' player Ian Gibson (that's him third from the left, middle row) who has taken over coaching the squad.

As a High School sports teacher and pro Soccer player, they couldn't have picked anyone more suitable for the job.

The very fact that Canberra now has its own secondary school girls' team reflects the remarkable growth of the round ball code in ACT High Schools — and colleges — in the past couple of years.

The ACT School Authority's sports co-ordinator, Peter Weddell, has confirmed the growth — very particularly amongst the fairer sex.

"More and more girls each year want to play Soccer," he said.

Picture was taken during a Canberra Arrows-sponsored get-together for the girls, and boys, secondary school squads. The boys' team will this year compete for the first time in years in the Australian Secondary Schools Championship for the Commonwealth Bank Cup in Brisbane next week.

TANNER SUCCESS

THE A. S. Tanner Tournament was held on Queen's Birthday Weekend. It is a yearly event set up in memory of the late A. S. Tanner, former Secretary of the St George Soccer Association. This year was the third year it was staged. Entries are from U11 representative teams from all over NSW.

This year the competing districts were Western Districts, Southern and Eastern, Illawarra, Sutherland, Canterbury, Nepean, Blacktown, Gladesville/Hornsby, St George and Southern Districts.

The teams were divided into two groups. On the Sunday of the holiday weekend a Round Robin competition was held for these two groups with the three top teams from each of these groups progressing to compete in the Tanner Trophy, a K.O. competition. The remaining two teams from each of these groups entered in a K.O. competition called the Consolation Cup.

The six teams that made it through in the Tanner Trophy were Southern and Eastern, Illawarra, Gladesville/Hornsby, St George, Canterbury and Blacktown.

Southern and Eastern were undefeated in their division and Blacktown had a bye so both teams progressed to the quarter-final, together with Gladesville/Hornsby who defeated Illawarra and St George who defeated Canterbury.

In the semi-final, Southern and Eastern defeated Gladesville/Hornsby and Blacktown defeated St George.

The Final was contested between Blacktown and Southern and Eastern with Blacktown winning 2-1.

It was an excellent game with both sides



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN



Here is the NSW Secondary Schools team for the National titles. They beat ACT in a warm up game 2-0 and their goals were scored by Ali Reda and Nick Papas. Given the strength of Canberra with three AIS players plus Hummel in the squad it was a great win.

NSW CHS ROUND-UP

RECENTLY the NSW CHS U19 side visited Canberra to play against the ACT schools.

The game was played at the excellent Canberra TAFE ground.

The NSW CHS side won 2-0 with goals from Ali Reda and Darren Nees.

But the ACT side showed that with the inclusion of the AIS boys they will be a force at the ASSF titles in Brisbane.

ON August 10, the NSW CHS U19 side played their annual fixture against the NSW Independent Schools.

It was an excellent game with both sides

playing attacking Soccer.

The Independent Schools side soaked up a fair amount of pressure but they must have been pleased with the 2-2 result. Goalscorers for CHS were Nees and Puelic.

Outstanding player for Independent Schools was Jones.

■ ■ ■

IT APPEARS that players competing in the ASSF championships in Brisbane will really have an incentive!

An Australian Schools Select side will be chosen to play the AIS on Sunday, September 4 in Brisbane.

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MELBOURNE MOVES SPARKS CONFIDENCE

MELBOURNE, the once great Australian champions, are looking ahead with confidence as the Hungarian-sponsored Metropolitan League division one club, prepare to move to Williamstown next year.

According to secretary Bill Hargitay "while there is another division above us we are not happy."

Bill wants his club back on top. And the way the committee have gone about planning their future is looking good.

"We are near to promotion now," said Bill in an exclusive ASW interview.

"The youth of Williamstown is untapped and we have always been known for our interest in juniors."

The Williamstown Council supports the club and they decided to go there because there is no Soccer in the area.

"Our new ground is at J.T. Gray Reserve, Koroit Creek Road, and it will open next year in time for the 1984 season.

"We are thinking of renaming the club Melbourne West Gate but that will be decided later.

"We will probably keep our two grounds at Middle Park and our junior ground at Elwood.

Mr Andy Kun, a patron of the VSF and also a former Melbourne club executive, said "The club has a plan which has been accepted by Williamstown council. It includes a grand stand and it will be built in stages."

"We hope to build the first stage this year and finish it next season."

The Melbourne club have a fine striker in Danny Ward, who comes from Manchester in England. Ritchie Armstrong, 19, plays as a twin striker with Ward and has had a great season in the finishing department.

Others in the team include stoppers Tibor Drinoczy and Simon Gaszmann, goalie Ernie Toth, a Victorian junior representative.

Sweeper John Bird has been with the club since 1978, is 26, and comes from Liverpool, England.

Youngest player is Ernie Tapai, 16, a midfielder with a great future.

One of the best players is Mark Dagnall, a 24 year-old full back from Liverpool, England.

Coach is Mike Lynn, who since joining the club from Maribyrnong Polonia a month ago has won the respect of the players.

George Calamino, from Argentina, is assistant coach.

HIP! HIP! HUGHIE

ALBION ROVERS coach Hughie Murney was last week given a vote of confidence by the players at the club reports GARY CUTLER.

Hughie took over the club at the start of the season from Frank Munro and was given the task of rebuilding.



Eddie Gray

The vote took place during a meeting at the club despite the problems the team had experienced this season and the fact that they have spent most of the season near the bottom of the State League.

"We lost some players at the start of the season and hadn't enough money to replace them."

"Joe Docherty and I recruited players from around but we have not had the breaks," said Hughie.

The club has had more bad luck recently with the injury to Eddie Gray, with players being suspended and injured throughout the season.

The new dressing rooms at the club should be completed by the end of the season and with the resurfacing of the pitch the facilities at the club will be on a par with any.

SUNTASTIC!

JOHN Hodgson, Metropolitan League chairman, describes Sunbury Soccer club as 'fantastic.'

John was a guest at the club's 10th anniversary celebrations last week.

"I can't find words to describe what they've done out there. It's a great credit to them," he said.

John was referring to the excellent

facilities and superb playing pitch with lighting and sprinkler watering system the Metropolitan League club has installed.

Ten years ago Soccer didn't exist in the area. Now it is thriving thanks to the enterprise of the hard-working Sunbury committee who have some of the best social rooms in the State.

McCANN TO STAY

SUNSHINE George Cross midfielder Hugh McCann has recently been granted permanent residence by the immigration department.

This is a boost to the club as they now have only four visa players remaining and there is a chance another could become permanent.

President Alf Zahra

TOO MUCH FOR TOO LITTLE

CLUBS ARE going broke because they pay players more than they deserve. That's the view of Dick Bosma, secretary of Latrobe Valley Soccer League.



Above Malcolm MacDonald and George Best (right)

He believes this is the reason why NSL clubs are in financial strife, not travelling expenses.

"The National League is successful, playing-wise.

"They're going broke like their counterparts in England because they are paying too much to players who are not worth it. "I call them overpaid, money-hungry has-beens.

"If you sell a product which is good, the public will go for it. But if the product is inferior it is unwanted.

Clubs like South Melbourne have for years shown they have more money than sense and have nothing to show for it yet they get all the publicity.

"All our Soccer reporters do is criticise, or compare the game here with back home. One club sacks a coach and the next hires the same man. It's like a circus.

"Can't we get coaches at ground level to get hold of the better junior players and bring them up?

"It looks to me anybody

from Britain is given a chance. Over the hill guest players with nothing to offer are made lucrative offers. "The import worth his salt was Malcolm Macdonald.

"He played well, pulled in the crowds, a true Soccer ambassador.

"Not many Soccer fans are interested in the booze and bed adventures of George Best, yet he dominated the news.

"Not an attractive example for our juniors.

"Another big laugh is the State Super League. How can you have a super league without super teams?

"Players show little or no interest in playing Soccer. If you can't get the ball simply lay out your opponent.

No one below State League and first division should be paid a red cent.

"We don't deserve to win the league.

"When you spend a quarter of a million dollars on a team you expect something better," said Joe.

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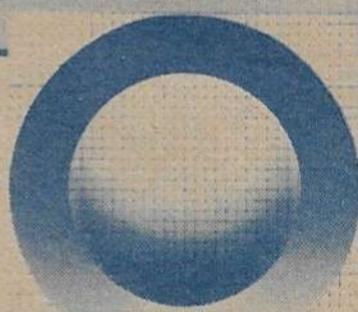
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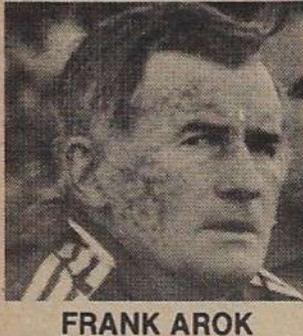
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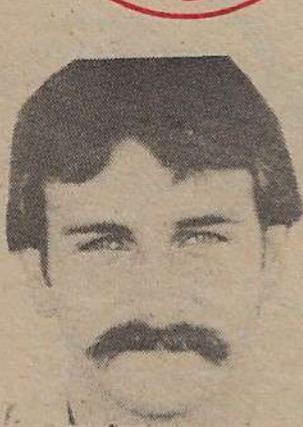
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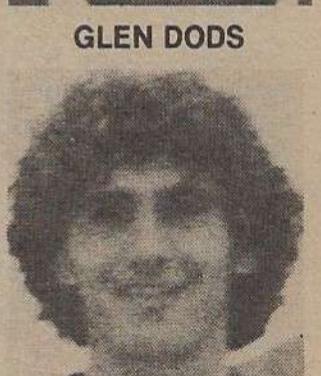
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THERE'S NO MINIS IN THIS BATTLE!

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

LEICHARDT go into their battle with long-time rivals, **Marconi**, at the St George Stadium next Sunday seeking a replay of their first NSL encounter this year. For years, these giant Italian-sponsored clubs have been bitter rivals, and whenever they have clashed, interest has been at fever pitch.

In Round one, Leichhardt defeated Marconi 1-3, but Marconi coach, Doug Collins, maintains it will be a different story this time in the "Italian Job."

Collins told us: "Last time we met, we had many problems with our team. We had constant interruptions to our training squad as Marconi gave up four players to the World Youth team for the Mexico Finals.

"That is all behind us as we will have Rod Brown, Tommy McCulloch, Rene Licata and Joe Rizzotto on deck."

Collins added: "Don't worry about Marconi. The job I feel I have done with this new, young, team, is the best of my career.

"They are young, very eager, have plenty of talent and skills, and they only need seasoned experience. Just watch Mar-

coni from next year. It will be the big team for the future, no doubt at all," Collins concluded.

At the moment, Marconi are showing a lot of potential and are certainly the best young team in the NSL.

With Brown, Rizzotto, McCulloch and Licata rapidly gaining senior experience with every match, together with the magnificent experience they all picked up playing in the "Junior" World Cup in Mexico, Marconi is ready to command respect from all corners of the NSL.

A feature of this match will be the vicious, deadly crosses from Marconi's outstanding WYC flanker, Licata. He has developed into a dangerous, electrifying player, and a consistent match-winner.

But meanwhile, Leichhardt's coach, Fil Bottalico, after a rocky start to the season, has his team tuned up well and picking up points regularly.

Little John Bradley, Leichhardt's outstanding player last year, has tucked a bag of goals under his belt this season, having hit the target 10 times.

Long-serving midfielder, Terry Butler, again has been performing well, controlling and enforcing everything from the central-midfield role.

But much interest will focus down Leichhardt's left side, as they will be armed with ex-Marconi winger, Peter "Rocket" Sharne.

The "Rocket" will be out to prove to his old club that they erred in hesitating to sign him up on his return from his Hong Kong stint.

Sharne's pace, experi-

ence and lightning crosses will have Marconi's Vic Bozanic working overtime.

But backing Sharne down the left, is one of the NSL's most underrated midfielders, Peter Tredinnick.

"Treds" is a very hard working man in the Leichhardt side and an excellent feeder for Sharne and the ball-playing Tony Morsello, who scored a good goal last Sunday in Queensland.

To add more fuel to this expected fiery clash, is another ex-Marconi enforcer, Berti Mariani. Mariani, since joining Leichhardt, has had a new lease of life and has stiffened the Leichhardt back-four with his enormous experience.

A big crowd is expected next Sunday at the St George Stadium for this "Italian Job", and don't be surprised to see Michael Cain in the crowd!

Out in the parking lot, amongst all the Fiats and Alfas, look for a blue "Mini-Cooper S."

Referee for the match will be Tony Boskovic, the man called in for this BIG ONE.

IN THE earlier match at the St George Stadium Double Header Spectacular, the Saints take on Adelaide City and will be after maximum points again following their crushing victory over Heidelberg last Sunday in Melbourne

EXPECT A BAG OF GOALS



Peter Sharne (right)

Saints' manager, Frank Arok, on arrival back in Sydney on Sunday night, told us: "We got a bag of goals down in Melbourne thank God. We have to supply plenty of goals to the Soccer fans, simply because that is what they pay money to see. Isn't it?"

The Saints scored four against the Victorians and will be looking for more against Adelaide City.

But Adelaide City will be out to make life very difficult for the Saints after having knocked off South Melbourne last Sunday in South Australia.

Young striker, Peter Petkovski, has fitted in nicely into the St George side, and again hit the target against Heidelberg last week-end.

Petkovski has now cracked in three NSL goals in three matches.



Peter Petkovski

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AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

BIG GUNS DRAW

BEFORE a crowd of 8,550 people, Melita kept their Championship aspirations alive with a vital 1-1 draw against Croatia at King Tomislav Park.

Melita only had a very tenuous grip on the match in the final stages and all seemed lost before they snatched their equaliser goal with five minutes remaining.

The first half produced the most entertaining brand of constructive, attacking Soccer seen in NSW for many seasons.

Both sides never hesitated to push forward and on a number of occasions both goalkeepers pulled off brilliant saves to keep the scoresheet blank at the interval.

Croatia can feel disappointed with the result considering they dominated proceedings for the majority of the second half and looked to have secured the points.

A vital tactical ploy from Melita coach, Raul Blanco, with minutes remaining, saw him bring on Farnsworth and this young striker was largely responsible for the equaliser.

After Croatia scored four minutes into the second half, Melita lost their edge remarkably. Croatia always looked a threat in attack but fine goalkeeping from Alex McPherson kept the Eagles in the game.

But Melita did apply a barrage of pressure on the Croatia goal early in the game. Attempts by Cross and Griffith in the 6th and 11th minutes respectively just missed the crossbar.

Croatia responded with delicate and crisp attacking movements. Some early crosses from Rezo tested the Melita keeper, McPherson, and in the 22nd minute a Rezo cross was almost slotted into goal by Arnold's outstretched boot. Melita breathed a sign of relief when it rolled past, just out of his reach.

Croatia struck again midway through the first half with one of the best movements of the game. Lead up work from Marijan Kovacic, Savor and Hensman found Arnold. His close range cannonball on the turn was superbly tipped over the crossbar by McPherson.

Moments later Woods latched onto a through ball from Hensman, crossed to Arnold who



Bruno Vidaic (right) played a controlled game for Croatia in their top of the table 1-1 draw against Melita.

squared the ball for Savor. A hard working McPherson saved Savor's powerful drive.

In the 32nd minute, Hensman put Savor through on the right and his low shot hit the post and was cleared for a corner.

Melita struck back when McPherson skilfully nodded on a Griffith cross from the by-line but Watson was equal to the task with a fine diving save for Croatia.

The second half may not have produced as many goalscoring opportunities but Croatia looked more threatening and had the edge after their well taken goal in the 49th minute.

A corner from Silva on the right side was nodded forward by Woods and with his back pointed towards the goal, Arnold

turned and planted the ball past McPherson.

Melita lost their cohesion after this goal and their attempted forward attacking movements broke down in the midfield or were blotted out by Croatia's Marijan Kovacic and Rezo.

Croatia, content with the one goal advantage, played a restrictive game for the last 20 minutes instead of maintaining pressure as they had so effectively done before hand.

Consequently Melita's persistence paid off and they were rewarded with the equaliser five minutes before the end of the game.

Farnsworth made a veering run on the right side, cut in-field slightly, and sent a looping shot at goal. Watson mishandled the shot and McKie followed through to put the loose ball in the net.

For Croatia Vidaic was unbeatable in the air, Rezo and Savor were creative and Arnold was a always a threat up front.

Melita were best served by McPherson in goal, Cross continually pushed forward on the left side, Griffith displayed flashes of brilliance in parts and Allan worked tirelessly in attack.

Melita coach Raul Blanco was slightly upset about the result.

"We needed the two points but the Championship race is still very open. Croatia relaxed in the last part of the game and we brought the game to them with the end result being the equaliser.

"The first half was magic. It was a clean game and overall I think Soccer is the winner," Blanco said.

CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Tomasic, Woods, Sterrey, Vidaic, Rezo, Savor, Arnold, M. Kovacic, Hensman (Silva 45).

MELITA: McPherson, Williams (Farnsworth 76), Cross, McGinn, Daley, Griffith, Duarte, McAusland, Allan, Farugia, McKie.

GOALS: Croatia (Arnold 49), Melita (McKie 85).

and Yugal's Berry or poor finishing kept the scoresheet at 0-0.

Martinez was brought onto the field in the 75th minute to add some extra spark to the Auburn attack and he was heavily involved in both his team's goals.

In the 84th minute he intercepted a square ball from Clarke and planted it past Berry.

Two minutes later Kilkeelly passed the ball to Martinez. He held it up and crossed to the unmarked Allan on the far post who drove it into goal.

With seconds remaining, Yugal scored their consolation when Jesic made a skilful raid down the right flank and his cross was slotted into goal by Pahor.

AUBURN: Bowman, Kelly, Prgomelja, Planinic, Johnston, Lee (Martinez 75), Kilkeelly, Quigley, Kinsey, Bobinac (Allen 58), Carney.

YUGAL: Berry, Gogic, Forrester, McIntosh, Clarke, Pahor, Jesic, Turkoglu, Baumgartner, Zivkovic, Tanoski.

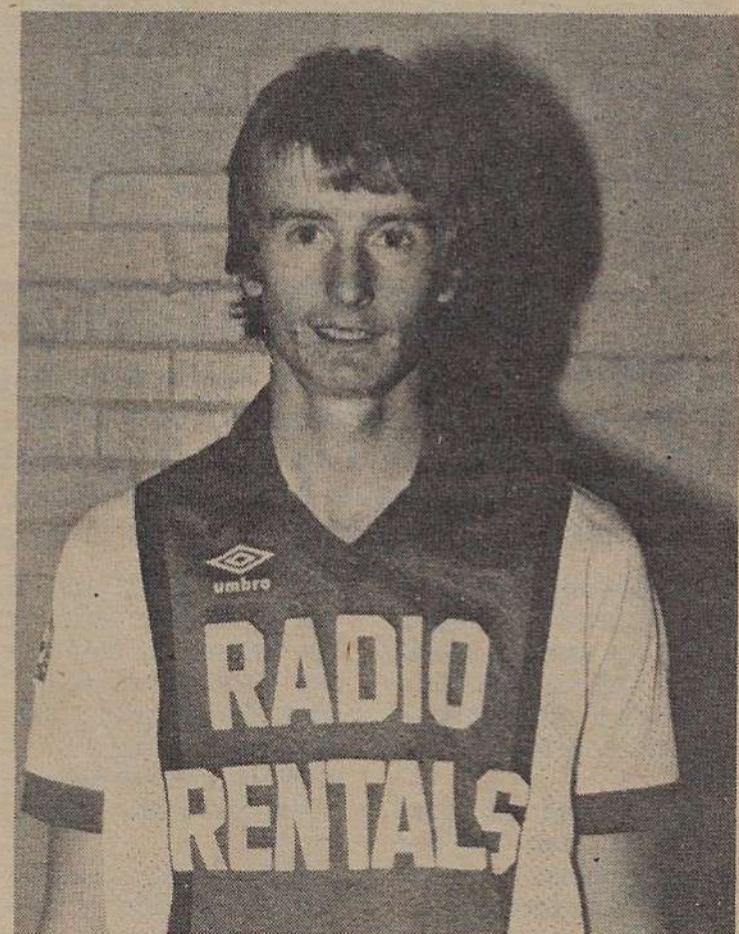
GOALS: Auburn (Martinez 84, Allen 86), Yugal (Pahor 89).

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Brogan, Rasmussen, Wheatley, Turnbull, Selvage, Stoddart, Davies, Thornthwaite (Quarmby 69), McLaughlin, Larkin (O'Shane 75).

BANKSTOWN: S.Gif-

fin, Kennedy, Vaughan, King, J.Giffin, Parker (York 75), Bourke, Agostino, Silines (Beck 75), Blackburn, Dalton.

GOALS: Blacktown (Larkin 32, 66, O'Shane 86)



John Larkin: one of the up coming youngsters at Blacktown City.

LARKIN SPARKS DEMONS

BLACKTOWN City maintained their momentum for the semi-final play-offs with a resolute 3-0 win over Bankstown at the Gabbie Stadium.

Larkin displayed his ability to attack with two well-taken goals for the Demons.

This defeat places Bankstown at the bottom of the table for the first time this year following Auburn's 2-1 victory over Yugal.

The first half was fairly even with the Demons showing creating the greater share of goal-scoring chances.

Blacktown hit the lead in the 32nd minute when Thornthwaite crossed the ball from the by-line to McLaughlin, who squared it to Larkin. Larkin's cracking drive clipped the underside of the crossbar and bounced into goal.

Seconds before the break, Agostino could have equalised for Bankstown when he found himself free with only Blacktown goalkeeper to beat. But the experienced Hoare was equal to the task with a brave save.

The Demons went further ahead in the 61st minute. A drive from Larkin was blocked by the defence and Stoddart's rebound attempt was again absorbed by the backline but Larkin was on hand to smash it home at the third attempt.

Brogan sealed the issue for the Demons after he slammed the ball into the back of the net following good lead-up work from O'Shane.

A LATE RALLY SINKS SHARKS

SUTHERLAND moved back into the top four following a disappointing 1-1 draw with Polonia at King Tomislav Park.

Sutherland created many goal scoring opportunities but poor finishing and lack of finesse in front of goal let them down.

They took the lead midway through the first half after Groome confidently drove the ball into goal.

Early into the second half, Beggs crossed the ball to the unmarked Terrey but his attempt, with the goal at his mercy, hit

the woodwork. Moments later Beggs latched onto a through ball, rounded the Polonia keeper, Barker, and his sidefoot attempt at the open goal was scrambled off the line.

Polonia scored the equaliser with seconds remaining. A cross from the left flank was parried against the crossbar by Haynes and Thomas was on hand to score.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Dal Forno, Terrey, Schuman, Groome, Harrington, Clinch, Johnston, Beggs, Watkins.

GOALS: Sutherland (Groome), Polonia (Thomas).

TWO SENT OFF, SIX BOOKED

INTER-MONARO and Ku-Ring-Gai battled to a 1-1 draw in a hard and physical encounter at Marco Polo Oval.

No fewer than six yellow and two red cards were awarded during the game. Both teams realised the importance of gaining two points in this match but disappointingly the only colour and brightness displayed came from the referee's cards.

Yellow cards were shown to Kevern, Berry and Leake (Ku-Ring-Gai) and Charles, Francis, and Colbertaldo (Inter-Monaro). Both sides were reduced to 10 men in the 87th minute after Ku-Ring-Gai's Brockbank and Monaro's Domazetovich were sent from the field.

Ku-Ring-Gai took the initiative and scored the first goal in the 44th mi-

nute. From a free-kick awarded against Monaro defender Francis, Eaton skilfully curled the ball around the wall and past the desperate diving attempt from Hocking.

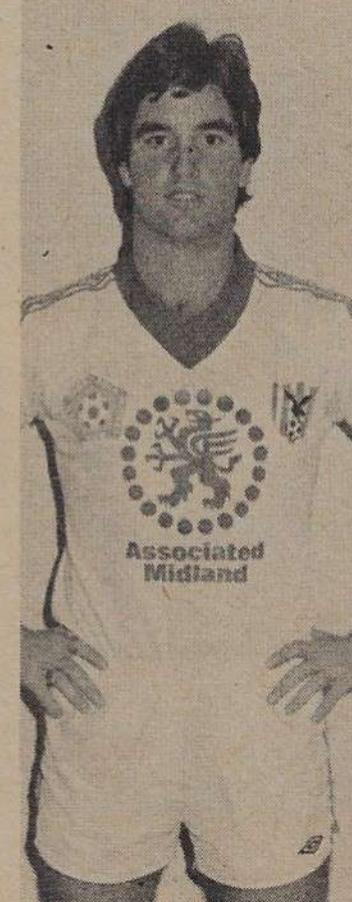
Inter-Monaro pushed forward in the second half and scored their equaliser in the 65th minute. Once again from a free-kick, Willox was on hand to head it home.

Monaro continued to push forward but in the dying stages the woodwork foiled them twice.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking, Leith, Charles, Santolin, Francis, Willox, Duvnjak (Andrakov 45), Lawler, Domazetovich (SO 87), Arquero, Colbertaldo.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern, Berry, Bertram, Robertson, Knight, Leake, Brockbank (SO 87), Reigan, McKegan, Eaton.

GOALS: Inter-Monaro (Willox 65), Ku-Ring-Gai (Eaton 44)



Mickey Cross

NSW TABLES

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	22	14	7	1	44	11	35
Melita	22	15	4	3	34	11	34
Blacktown	22	16	0	6	50	21	32
Sutherland	21	9	6	6	29	22	24
Ku-Ring-Gai	21	9	6	6	28	22	24
Manly	22	9	5	7	38	32	24
Inter-Monaro	21	8	7	6	31	28	23
Avala	22	8	7	7	28	31	23
Yugal	22	5	7	10	20	36	17
Cant-M'ville	22	6	4	12	33	44	16
Polonia	21	3	7	11	23	36	13
Auburn	22	3	3	16	21	60	9
Bankstown	22	2	4	16	24	58	8

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	22	17	5	0	61	14	39
Manly	22	14	4	4	56	26	32
Melita	22	12	7	3	62	35	31
Sutherland	20	15	0	5	61	16	30
Bankstown	21	11	6	4	43	19	26
Ku-Ring-Gai	21	10	6	5	45	24	26
Croatia	21	7	5	9	34	33	19
Avala	21	6	5	10	37	44	17
Auburn	22	7	3	12	31	44	17
Inter-Monaro	21	5	2	14	19	50	12
Cant-M'ville	22	5	1	16	29	52	11
Yugal	22	2	5	15	21	80	9
Polonia	21	1	4	16	12	67	6

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cant-M'ville	20	11	7	2	36	15	29
Croatia	20	11	7	2	39	21	29
Melita	21	9	3	4	22	27	27
Blacktown	21	9	8	4	35	19	26
Manly	21	10	5	6	49	27	25
Sutherland	18	12	1	5	39	19	25
Avala	21	6	4	11	30	52	16
Ku-Ring-Gai	19	6	3	10	26	32	15
Polonia	19	6	2	11	14	22	14
Bankstown	18	5	4	9	27	35	14
Auburn	20	5	4	10	25	38	14
Yugal	20	1	2	17	15	77	4

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rockdale	24	17	3	4	60	28	37
Warr-N'been	24	16	4	3	45	19	36
Gladesville	23	13	5	5	40	27	31
Fairy Meadow	23	13	4	6	40	25	30
Wollongong Utd	23	9	8	6	39	27	26
Artarmon	24	11	3	19	47	38	25
Revesby Wkrs	23	8	9	6	41	35	25
Dee Why	23	9	7	7	34	36	25
Penrith Utd	23	6	10	7	28	22	24
Nth Bankstown	23	8	3	12	37	40	19
Blacktown Utd	24	7	5	12	23	30	19
Uni of NSW	24	4	5	15	20	39	13
Parra City	24	3	6	15	24	56	12
Belmore	24	2	4	18	22	75	8

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	23	18	4	1	67	17	40
Gladesville	23	15	5	3	64	16	35
Penrith Utd	23	13	6	4	51	23	32
Warr-N'been	23	10	8	5	43	25	28
Parra City	24	12	3	9	44	47	27
Revesby Wkrs	23	12	2	9	54	38	26
Nth Bankstown	23	10	5	8	47	34	25
W'gong Utd	23	10	5	8	46	44	25
Artarmon	24	8	3	13	39	64	19
Blacktown Utd	24	7	4	13	35	53	18

LEADING SCORERS

Theodorakopoulos(CM)	16
Smith (Mly)	16
Arnold (Cr)	15
Reis (IM)	12
Eaton (Ku)	12
McKie (Mel)	12

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	22	16	3	4	59	11	37
Queens Park	21	13	4	4	63	22	30
C'town City	22	13	4	5	44	31	30
Baulkham Hills	22	11	6	5	58	21	28
CSI	22	9	7	6	33	33	25
L'pool Albion	22	10	4	8	39	25	24
Mt Druitt Twn	22	11	2	9	43	33	24
Bathurst '75	21	10	4	7	38	33	24
Bondi Marine	22	8	3	11	42	44	19
Kingsford	20	5	2	13	23	33	12
Nth Ryde	22	2	2	18	30	69	6
Lane Cove	22	0	1	21	8	116	1

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	23	18	4	1	67	17	40
Gladesville	23	15	5	3	64	16	35
Penrith Utd	23	13	6	4	51	23	32
Warr-N'been	23	10	8	5	43	25	28
Parra City	24	12	3	9	44	47	27
Revesby Wkrs	23	12	2	9	54	38	26
Nth Bankstown	23	10	5	8	47	34	25
W'gong Utd	23	10					

HE'S MY BROTHER!

N S W S T A T E L E A G U E Second Division Club Warringah-Narrabeen is certainly a family affair.

In the three grades, the Saints have seven sets of brothers, with three sets in both first and second grade.

First grade have Peter and Alan Dean, Chris and Mick Hanley, John and Mick McDonagh. The McDonagh's have another famous brother Jim, playing in the English First Division keeping goal for

Jim McDonagh

Notts County and the Republic of Ireland.

Warringah-Narrabeen president Ted Evers appears to be in favour of the idea. He has two sons playing third grade as does third grademanager Malcolm Herbert.

Second grade player Brett Beverly also has a footballing brother in Mark, playing a number of first, as well as second grade appearances for Warringah. But the two have not played together this season - because Mark plays for the "Green Rats", — Warringah Rugby Club!

N.S.W. SOCCER FEDERATION

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TOP ACTION SOCCER

DIVISION 1 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Polonia v Croatia Sydney	Chopin Park
S.S.C. Yugal v Sutherland Shire	Fraser Park
Cant-M'ville Oly v Auburn	Arlington Oval
Bankstown v Avala	Soccer Centre
Ku-Ring-Gai v Manly Warringah	Parklands Oval.
Melita Eagles v Inter-Monaro	Melita Stadium

DIVISION 2 Saturday, September 3

North Bankstown v Artarmon	Potts Park
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Sunday, September 4

Dee Why v Penrith Utd	Graham Reserve
Blacktown Utd v Gladesville Ravens	Francis Park
Fairy Meadow v Belmore	Police Boys Ground
Parramatta City v Wollongong Utd	Garside Park
Revesby Wkrs v Rockdale	Milperra Reserve
Uni of NSW v Warringah N'veen	Little Bay Oval

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

DIVISION 1 Sunday, September 11

DEFERRED GAMES

Polonia v Sutherland Shire	Chopin Park
Inter-Monaro v Blacktown City	Marco Polo Oval
Ku-Ring-Gai v Avala (1st & 2nd Gde)	Gabbie Stadium
Bankstown v Ku-Ring-Gai (3rd Gde)	Gabbie Stadium

DIVISION 2 Sunday, September 11

Revesby Workers v Wollongong United	Milperra Reserve
Warringah N'veen v North Bankstown	Narrabeen Fitness Camp
Gladesville Ravens v Dee Why	Peel Park
Penrith Utd v Fairy Meadow	Cook Park

SCORERS BATTLE

THE BATTLE for leading goalscorer is developing into very close duel. At present Nick Theodorakopoulos (Cant-M'ville) and Terry Smith (Manly) are equal leaders with 16 goals apiece. Croatia striker Graham Arnold is only one goal behind

Terry Smith will find goals hard to come, playing against Ku-Ring-Gai at Parklands this Sunday and facing Inter-Monaro the following week at home. Nick Theodorakopoulos will hope to add to his tally against Auburn this week and repeat his first round effort against Sutherland (Nick scored two memorable goals that afternoon), the following week.

BY PHIL MURPHY

BALGOWNIE's Ian Lancaster scored an unusual goal in the game against Port Kembla recently.

Lancaster headed his goal from the halfway line.

The score was 1-1 when Lancaster sent a strong clearing header from halfway and it took the Port Kembla goalkeeper by surprise.

It bounced in front of him, went over his head and as he turned and chased it the ball rolled slowly over the line to give Balgownie an upset 2-1 win.

Norris regained his spot at the expense of current Illawarra keeper Alan Duncan.

Norris woke up one morning to find the back trouble had returned so

GREENACRE'S PROUD

TRACK RECORD

THE Greenacre U/21 team playing the Bankstown Association have enjoyed success and remain undefeated this year.

Their record speaks for itself— undefeated premiers, minor premiers, President's Cup winners and the Statewide U/21 Robertson Cup competitions.

The team will now go

on and represent the Bankstown Association in the Champion of Champions competition that commences on September 18. The players owe Western Suburbs Glass, their proud sponsors, a big thank you.

The club have pulled off a "coup" in having ex-Australian player Kevin Mullen coaching the team.



ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

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FERNHILL goalkeeper Justin Norris has finally called it a day.

The former Illawarra Soccer and Cricket representative has given in to a recurring back injury.

He gave up Soccer last season but thought the trouble had cleared up and made a successful comeback this year.

Norris regained his spot at the expense of current Illawarra keeper Alan Duncan.

Norris woke up one morning to find the back trouble had returned so

he immediately told Fernhill officials he would no longer be available.

Fortunately for Fernhill, they still had Duncan in reserve grade to take his place.

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COLEDALE, the small township between the mountain and the sea, has been celebrating in a big way recently.

The town's Soccer club ended a 29-year drought by winning premierships in first and reserve grade in the second division.

"It's the greatest thing to happen here since they

put the electricity on," said club publicity officer Charlie Cheetham.

Coledale recruited six experienced players for their first grade side this year and it certainly paid off.

They were unbeaten in competition games and had a big margin to spare over the second team.

The reserves lost only one game, going down 3-2 to Wollongong Sports.

Cheetham said they have had some "top nights" celebrating the success and are now looking forward to cracking a few bottles of champagne after the grand finals.

NSW FEDERATION RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
Sutherland Shire v Polonia	1-1	8-0	2-1
Auburn v S.S.C. Yugal	2-1	3-0	4-1
Avala v Cant-M'ville Oly	2-2	0-2	1-6
Blacktown City v Bankstown	3-0	3-0	2-0
Inter Monaro v Ku-ring-gai	1-1	3-2	xxx
Croatia Sydney v Melita Eagles	1-1	1-2	2-2

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

Lithgow Wks v L'pool Rangers	0-2	1-5
Chullora v Dulwich Hill	2-1	3-3
Bl'town Workers v Sth Sydney	3-1	3-2
Rang. Hajduk v Nepean Rovers	2-1	4-2
Murray Farm Rangs v Rosebery	2-1	2-3
Colo Colo v Hellas Poseidon	3-4	1-3

INTER URBAN 1ST-4TH DIVISION POINTS

FIRST GRADE: Port Hacking 34, King Tomislav 29, Eastern Creek 29, Fairfield Kiev 27, Maroubra Utd 24, Fairfield West 22, Spanish 21, Nineveh Eagles 21, Hurstville Zagreb 18, Syd Uni 16, Wentworth 13, Concordia 8.

SECOND GRADE: Maroubra Utd 36, Pt Hacking 34, Fairfield West 33, Syd Uni 27, Eastern Creek 26, Nineveh Eagles 25, King Tomislav 19, Spanish 18, Hurstville Zagreb 16, Concordia 15, Fairfield Kiev 10, Wentworth 3.

FIRST GRADE: Campbelltown 28, Eastwood SA 27, Padstow Park 27, Moorebank 22, Tras Sports 21, Chile Sports 19, Syd Maccabi 19, Chelsea 19, West St George 17, Pagewood 13, West United 8.

SECOND GRADE: Campbelltown 31, Chelsea 30, Eastwood SA 27, Padstow Park 25, West St George 24, Pagewood 22, Moorebank 17, Syd Maccabi 13, Tras Sports 11, Chile Sports 11, West Utd 7.

FIRST GRADE: Macarthur Utd 27, Macquarie Uni 27, Hawkesbury Dist 27, Green Valley 23, Robins 20, Smithfield 20, Haberfield 19, Blacktown Wndrs 19, Ryde District 19, Liverpool City 16, Revesby Rovers 3.

SECOND GRADE: Ryde Dist 37, Robins 32, Liverpool City 32, Macarthur Utd 26, Macquarie Uni 23, Green Valley 20, Smithfield 13, Hawkesbury 12, Blacktown Wndrs 11, Revesby Rov 9, Haberfield B/D 5.

FIRST GRADE: Rosebery 34, Murray Farm 30, Chullora 29, Rangers Hajduk 28, Nepean Rovers 24, Dulwich Hill 20, Colo Colo 19, Hellas Poseidon 19, Blacktown Wndrs 18, Lithgow Wndrs 15, Liverpool Rangs 15, Sth Sydney 11.

SECOND GRADE: Rosebery 40, Dulwich Hill 36, Murray Farm 31, Rangers Hajduk 27, Hellas Poseidon 27, Nepean Rovers 21, Blacktown Wndrs 19, Chullora 18, Liverpool Rangs 18, Colo Colo 17, Sth Sydney 7, Lithgow Wndrs 3.

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION

	I	II	III
Gl'ville Ravens v Dee Why	1-1	1-0	1-0
Belmore v Blacktown United	1-0	0-6	2-0
Wollongong Utd v Fairy Meadow	0-2	0-2	0-5
Rockdale Ilinden v Parramatta City	6-4	2-1	0-8
Warringah N'veen v Revesby Workers	2-0	4-1	5-2
Penrith United v Nth Bankstown	2-1	2-1	1-0
Artarmon v Uni of N.S.W.	2-1	1-1	0-12
Nth Bankstown v Penrith Utd	2-3	2-7	

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION

	I	II	III
C'town City v Queens Park E/S	0-0	2-0	0-2
C.S.I. v Bondi Marine	1-1	1-4	3-2
Liverpool Albion v Mt Druitt Town	0-2	0-1	1-2
Kingsford v Bathurst '75	2-4	1-2	
Lane Cove Utd v Baulkham Hills	1-3	0-1	0-13
Baulkham Hills v Nth Ryde	1-0	1-2	3-2
Lane Cove Utd v Gladesville Hby	0-2	0-6	0-11
Kingsford v Queens Park E/S	1-2	1-4	

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
Nineveh Eagles v Maroubra Utd	2-0	0-0	
Sydney Uni v Eastern Creek	0-2	1-0	
Fairfield Kiev v Hurstville-Zagreb	4-3	3-4	
F'ield West Ath. v Wentworth	3-3	7-1	
Pt Hacking v Spanish Club	2-2	1-0	
King Tomislav v Concordia	deff		

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John Broadhouse: scored a superb hat-trick for Juventus

JUVENTUS, RAPID DRAW CLEAR

JUVENTUS-Pioneer and Rapid-Wrest Point have broken away from the field with three rounds remaining in Tasmania's Cadbury State League competition. They are four and three points, respectively, in front of third and fourth placed Olympia and Croatia-Glenorchy, observes "Van Diemen".

These four teams have now qualified for the 'final four' competition at the conclusion of the league program, while White Eagles is doomed to relegation.

Juventus thrashed White Eagles 7-0 with Bruce Ward and John Broadhouse each notching a hat-trick. Carlo Ambrosino got the remaining goal against a side that threw away its two scoring chances. Norman Stanton shot wide in the opening minute with the goal at his mercy and Andrew Leszczynski missed a penalty in the second half.

Olympia easily accounted for Croatia, winning 4-1 with Craig Nichols grabbing the weekend's third hat-trick. Peter Sherman scored the fourth with a stupendous drive from a free kick, while Billy Kirkpatrick scored Croatia's goal, also from a free kick.

Rapid stayed in touch with Juventus by virtue of a 1-0 win over Metro. Smith's clearing header in the 18th minute follow-

ing a free kick only went as far as Thompson who nodded it straight back into the top corner of the net.

University raised a few eyebrows with its win over Caledonians, thus ensuring its own safety and sending White Eagles down in the process. Dave Forshaw scored the students' only goal early in the second half.

The Australian Institute of Sport team's weekend tour of Tasmania resulted in a win and loss for Jimmy Shoulder's boys. The AIS lost 1-0 to a Hobart youth team on Saturday when Carlo Ambrosino scored two minutes into injury time but it made amends for this defeat by beating a combined North and North-West youth team 3-1 in Launceston the following day.

DETAILS: Olympia 4
Croatia 1, Juventus 7
White Eagles 0, Rapid 1
Metro 0, University 1
Caledonians 0, Hobart Youth 1
AIS 0, North & North-West Youth 1
AIS 3.

TASMANIA CADBURY STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	18	13	1	4	44	17	27
Rapid	18	12	2	4	33	21	26
Olympia	18	9	5	4	46	27	23
Croatia	18	10	3	5	38	28	23
Caledonians	18	6	4	8	35	31	16
Metro	18	4	5	9	23	32	13
University	18	6	0	12	25	52	12
White Eagles	18	2	0	16	18	54	4

LEADING GOALSCORERS

- 15 Parker (Caledonians)
- 14 Forster (Olympia)
- 12 P. Sherman (Olympia, Ward (Juventus))
- 11 Nichols (Olympia)
- 9 Thomas (Croatia), Oakes (Croatia), A. Leszczynski (White Eagles)

PR MATCH DISASTER

ON THE surface it looked great. A charity match between Canberra Arrows and Monaro with such greats as Atti Abonyi, Adrian Alston, Vic Fernandez and Roberto Vieri once more pulling on their boots. Now our man in Canberra STEVE BURNS takes up the story.

The match proved a public relations disaster for Canberra Arrows with top-level ACT Soccer Federation Administrators. In one swoop it has undone months of fence-mending.

Why?

According to two administrators who telephoned me this week the game was organised without any consultation with the State body. That approval is required — and

the game clashed with the Federation's own City versus Country division final the same day between Juventus and Kambah.

The fact that the State body was totally ignored had caused great bitterness, the officials said.

So much so the Arrows had been requested to make a formal and public apology.

"It was a public relations disaster," one top of-

ficial said.

"Between the scenes all season there had been great progress made to mend fences with local Federation clubs."

"In one hit all of this good work was thrown out the window."

"It was tragic that pre-match publicity stated the game had been organised when there was no other senior Soccer being played."

"Just a phone call to the State body would have put that one right — and if it had been done permission for the game would have been granted — with one proviso, that referees must give preference first to the Juventus versus Kambah game."

"That didn't happen and it caused us problems because games in those Country versus City Division play-offs occurred at all age groups."

"Won't Canberra Arrows ever learn the right and wrong way of doing things," the exasperated official said.

Vitriol aside, the game was an excellent one — even if watched by a pitiful 300 or 400 spectators because of lack of pre-match promotion.

The Arrows used many youth players and Monaro had Roberto Vieri — but it was good to see, once more, the skills of Abonyi, Alston and Fernandez for the Arrows.

And the skills of this foursome are still considerable.

Fernandez, by far the oldest, was perhaps the most remarkable. The man is touching 50 and yet played like a youngster.

The end result. A 4-4 draw, but the result didn't really matter — it was, after all, a charity game with much of the proceeds helping Monaro Charity Queen, Elizabeth Fienza.

And Monaro's livewire president, Mr Laura Pastrello, who suggested the game — even had Readymix Concrete sponsor the game and present the Readymix Charity Cup.

Because it was a draw and such an enjoyable afternoon officials of the two clubs decided to have a second bite at the cherry (ball). A reply will be organised in the near future — probably at Monaro's ground — and the trophy will be presented.

AN AUSTRALIAN schoolboys team will play the Australian Institute of Sport side at Spencer Park next weekend.

The match will be a curtain-raiser to the Brisbane City — Footscray National League match and will climax the Australian secondary schools Soccer championship being held in Brisbane this week.

STH. AUSTRALIA

WITH one round to go in the S.A Rothmans League first division, three clubs are battling for the title on Saturday.

Two of the contestants meet when leaders Para Hills (22 points) take on third placed Croatia (21).

But the surprise packet could be Beograd who were front-runners then dropped away, but have come charging back to second place, also on 21 points, with a massive 17 plus goal difference to Para's 11 and Croatia's 7.

Beograd got a vital 1-0 away win over Croatia last week, while Para were held 0-0 at Campbelltown.

Polonia, fourth on 20 points, are at home to Bir-

kalla who are clinging to seventh place.

Campbelltown are now out of the Ampol Cup but their home match against West is still important because it could see the latter sneak into the Coca Cola Cup for the top four.

West are in fifth place a point behind Polonia while last year's champions, Azzurri are sixth on 18 points and are at home to bottom team Port after a shock 1-0 defeat at Bir-kalla last week.

Wests were also shattered by a 1-1 draw at the Port.

OF THISTLES AND PANSIES

'ROUGH HOUSE' TACTICS, YELLOW CARDS AND A BROKEN ANKLE

FORMER New Zealand international and Brisbane Lions NSL midfielder Mark McNaughton will not play again this season after he broke an ankle in a Premier League match a week ago.

McNaughton, now captain and sweeper of successful Greek club Olympic United, required surgery to re-pin the bone broken in a match against third-placed club Grange Thistle.

It was a telling blow for Olympic as not only is McNaughton one of their key players, but the defeat also saw Olympic leap-frogged by Mount Gravatt at the top of the table.

McNaughton broke his ankle in a tackle with Thistle's John Russell and the incident brought strong protests from Olympic coach Con Tharenou.

They have had it good now for months. Now they have started losing they don't like it," one official said.

The allegations were dismissed by Thistle officials who described them as "over-emotional reactions."

"They have had it good now for months. Now they have started losing they don't like it," one official said.

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NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

SYDNEY CITY	21	14	4	3	54	26	46
ST GEORGE	20	11	2	7	37	29	35
OLYMPIC	19	10	2	7	36	29	32
NEWCASTLE	20	10	2	8	34	28	32
A.I.S.	20	8	6	6	27	21	30
CANBERRA	22	9	2	11	31	36	29
MARCONI	21	6	7	8	28	28	25
LEICHHARDT	19	3	5	11	23	43	14
WOLLONGONG	20	2	6	12	18	48	12

The race is hotting up for the three teams that will join Sydney City for the Youth League Top Four Play offs.

The Slickers meanwhile inched slowly towards the title with a hard fought 1-1 draw with A.I.S. while nearest challengers St George crashed to Wooden Spooners Wollongong at Ziems Park by 2-1.

At the Sydney Athletic Field on Saturday Jimmy Shoulders Australian Institute side earned a useful point from the Slickers helping them in their late run for a top four spot. Neither side had any clear domination in this game with command switching from side to side for short periods. But the Slickers had a slight edge on goal chances and young Socceroo keeper Tony Franken in excellent form.

After some early Slickers pressure, A.I.S. opened the scoring in the 16th minute when Andrew Bernal latched on to a good first time ball from Warren Spink to beat keeper Lucky Konitis with an angled shot.

Graeme Fletcher equalised for the Slickers in the 29th

Out at Marconi Stadium in a very dour match visitors Newcastle defeated the Fairfielders. After a scoreless first half Paul Gilligly capped off a fine game by scoring the winner for Newcastle in the 53rd minute after a good run into the box by Grant Lee. At Corinal, St George's ambitions took a tumble when they went down to the lowly Wollongong Wolves by 2-1. Despite constant pressure on the Wollongong goal for the first 35 minutes, it was Wolves who scored, Warren Baker gathered a loose ball from a high clearance from his own defence and ran through a confused St George defence to score past the advancing Mike Frazer.

Saints levelled the scores in the 41st minute when Andy Koczka beat keeper Jim Preston with a bullet header

After the break, Wolves were narrowly off target with a couple of efforts before David Green on the right wing went inside to pick up a Jim Preston clearance before slotting it in off the post, past the advancing Mike Fraser.



NSW midfielder Tony Clark scored a hat trick in his first appearance for the State at Cromer Park on Sunday.

Clark, brought in from the Sutherland representative side, assisted NSW to a 5-1 win over the Western Australians.

The other NSW scorers were Rod Williams and David Harris. The Westerners could only net one after a misunderstanding in the NSW defence in a fast and physical game.

Victoria bettered New Zealand 2-0 in a non-competition game in which neither team really got into its stride.

The series continues on until Saturday. Then on Sunday, Australia and New Zealand meet at St George Soccer Stadium at 1pm.

The international is followed by two NSL games — St George v Adelaide City and Leichhardt v Marconi.

AUSTRALIAN U15 CHAMPIONSHIP
at Cromer Park

R1: NSW 5, Western Australia 1; Victoria 2, New Zealand 0; South Australia 0, Queensland 0; Northern NSW 4, ACT 0.

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

U14: R1: Western NSW 3, Southern NSW 0; Nepean 2, Canterbury 1; APIA-Leichhardt 3, Riverina 2.

U13: R1: Western NSW 1, Southern NSW 1; Sydney Olympic 1, St George 1; Illawarra 5, Riverina 1.

U12: Sat Aug 27, R1: Western NSW 1, Southern NSW 0; Nepean 8, Riverina 0; Illawarra 1, St George 0. R2: Southern NSW 2, Nepean 1; St George 4, Western NSW 0; Illawarra 1, Riverina 0. R3: Sun Aug 28, Riverina 2, Southern NSW 4; Illawarra 2, Western NSW 1; Nepean 3, St George 0. R4: Illawarra 2, St George 0; Nepean 6, Western NSW 0; St George 4, Riverina 0.

U11: Sat Aug 27, R1: Southern NSW 2, Western NSW 0; Granville 4, Riverina 1; Bankstown 3, Blacktown 1. R2: Granville 4, Southern NSW 0; Blacktown 2, Western NSW 0; Bankstown 1, Riverina 1. Sun Aug 28, R3: Riverina 2, Southern NSW 2; Bankstown 1, Western NSW 0; Granville 2, Blacktown 0. R4: Southern NSW 2, Bankstown 0; Granville 3, Western NSW 0; Blacktown 2, Riverina 1.

U10: Sat Aug 27, R1: Western NSW 1, Southern NSW 1; Granville 7, Riverina 1; Bankstown 2, Illawarra 0. R2: Granville 8, Southern NSW 0; Illawarra 4, Western NSW 0; Bankstown 5, Riverina 1. Sun Aug 28, R3: Riverina 2, Southern NSW 0; Bankstown 1, Western NSW 1; Granville 2, Illawarra 2. R4: Bankstown 5, Southern NSW 0; Granville 1, Western NSW 1; Illawarra 5, Riverina 0.

BILL TURNER CUP FINAL (U15 SCHOOLS)

Cessnock High School 2 (Smith, Bower) def Keira Boys High School 0 at Macquarie Field. (Due to space limitations our cover of the play-offs will appear in the next issue).

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Blacktown's Turncoats: Front Row (L to R): Graham Bugden, Craig Grant, Robert Leahy, Dale McGarry, Bart Pietracci, David Faglioni. Back Row (L to R): Jonathon Hope, Luke Doull, Mark Spry, Peter Trimble, Mark Hynes. Rear: Mike Leahy (Coach). Absent: Adam Christie, Nathan De Heaume, Kevin Hope (Manager).

ABOUT TURN FOR BATTLES

LAST season we referred to the Blacktown United U8 Div 3 team as the "Blacktown Battlers".

We said that they turned out each week full of enthusiasm — and it was London to a brick on that they were on a hiding.

That certainly was the position and 14 straight losses, 54 goals against and only three for them says it all.

Playing for the sake of the sport and knowing each time that they turned out they would be outgunned, they stuck to their task.

This season, with seven of the same boys involved, they have turned the tables.

Graded into U9 Div 5, the United boys have gone through the season undefeated. Their scoring figures are similar — only in reverse — with 55 for and 5 against.

It seems that practice has gradually made perfect, and coach Mick Leahy and manager Kevin Hope and all the boys, parents and friends are proud that the losers have turned into winners.

No doubt the Blacktown & District SFA's grading committee will have noted your 1983 record, boys, and you will have the chance next sea-

son to further show your prowess up a grade or so in the under tens.

A 'LOST' TEAM?

THE Southern Districts U16 Youth League Squad is being tagged "The Team With Nowhere to Go".

This team, under the guidance of coach Carlos Aravena has had a very successful season. After qualifying for the round-robin semi-finals and finishing in equal second place, the team narrowly missed a berth in the final on goal difference.

Now, however, after building a real team spirit and sense of companionship, it appears the squad is destined to disband.

This almost ludicrous situation has been brought about by the failure, earlier this season, to successfully negotiate with the Riverwood State League side to move to Ernie Smith Reserve, the home ground of the Southern Districts Youth League squads.

Meanwhile, Carlos Aravena and his lads prepare for the State Championships! Then — well, who knows?

— from Lionel Stein

UNDEFEATED!



Birrong Sports Soccer Club (Team 8-2)

BACK (L to R): Sue Pepperell (Manager), David Pennock (Coach), Steven Georgallis, Glenn Baldwin, Nicholas Armas, Zoran Grujic, Peter Pepperell, Assist. Coach David Turbit. **FRONT (L to R):** Scott Basili, Peter Nelson, Johnathan Pennock, Robert Reid, Tony Ivandic, Damien Davenport, Boy Intharack. **Undefeated Minor Premiers and Premiers. Goals for 39. Against 2.**

HILLS SKILLS

UNDER three club coaches, Alan Bricknell, Eric McMahon and Geoff Prior, Winston Hills has won three League Championships out of five. They have also won

three Grand-Finals out of four since their under six days.

Now in U10 Division 1, the attitudes and progress of the boys in the skills of the game have been first-

class. They play in the very strong and keenly contested Granville District competition.

Eight of the original Under 6 team are still in the squad.



(L to R): Front row: Mark Barnfield, Richard Prior, Dane Jones, Steven Hodson, Dean Robertson. 2nd Row: Clayton Bricknell, Scott McMahon, Bradley Figures, Jamie Stoddart. Back row: Geoff Prior (C), Peter Harrison, Darren Meredith, David Hutchins, Glen Vermuelen, Alan Bricknell (M).

DURAL COACHES IN TWO SPORTS

BY DAVID JACK

AS THE advertisements in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY indicate, there are any number of coaching camps now available for youngsters during the school holidays. Most of them are excellent.

Bill Englefield tells us the camps at Englefield Stadium, Dural are different to all others — because boys receive Soccer and Cricket coaching side by side.

From September 5 to 9, boys from 8 to 15 years will be at Englefield Stadium to be coached in either sport.

Over the past few years, some of the biggest names in Soccer have handled the coaching at

Dural. Men like Rale Rasic, Johnny Warren, Raul Blanco, Atti Abonyi and Alan Maher have been involved in the live-in camps.

Now Doug Walters, Brian Taber and Ross Collins have been added to the team to pass on their Cricket knowledge.

The rural setting and motel-style accommodation make this venue ideal for kids.

ARMINDALE IS READY FOR YOUR BOYS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

EVERY School holiday presents problems to parents about occupying their children's idle time

But at the University of New England, Armidale, next January, a wonderful opportunity exists for parents to send their young aspiring Soccer players to be coached by the professionals.

The East-West Airlines National Soccer Camp at Armidale will have on its staff, Willie Wallace (three times in the Scottish World Cup squad), Jimmy Shoulder, (Director of Coaching at the Australian Institute of Sport), Les Scheinflug, (Australia's national coach), Tony Boskovic (Australia's World Cup and No 1 referee).

The National Soccer Camps give an excellent opportunity for young players to acquire first-class professional coaching from "names" they recognise.

"The University of New England's combined residential and Soccer training facilities are as good as any I have seen overseas," said Willie Wallace.

Co-Director of the Camp is Eric Worthington, National Coaching Director for the Australian Soccer Federation.

The National Soccer Camp which has been developed after consultation with the ASF, is open to players from the ages of 10 to 18 years inclusive.

The Camp is well sponsored by East-West Airlines, Adidas, Milo, the Commonwealth Bank, Dunlop Sport and Rally.

The main aim is to help young players of all levels of ability, but they also aim to identify outstanding potential talent, especially in country areas, at an early stage in a player's development.

VICTORIA, HERE WE COME!

THIS WEEK is an important one for NSW U16 coach Allan Edmondson, now in his fifth year as a coach of one of the State's junior representative teams.

The record so far reads two National titles and two runners-up.

Aided by Manager Jim Giffin of Bankstown and masseur Andy Watson of Sutherland Shire, the NSW Under 16 team is in action this week at HMAS Cerberus, on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria.

An accountant with the Dept of Technical & Further Education, Edmondson has had club coaching experience at State League level with Blacktown City, Riverwood and now Sutherland Shire.

NSW started its 1983 campaign yesterday (Monday) against the Western Australians.

The remaining first round games are: Tues: v Victoria; Wed: v A.C.T. The semi-finals and the first of the play-offs are held on Thursday.

The final is set for Friday at 3pm, preceded by the remainder of the play-offs.

Over the years the boys, backed by their parents, friends and officials, have worked consistently to build their skills and teamwork.

Chris Kalantzis is a fine example of the potential of many of the players.

An outstanding left side player, Chris has appeared with credit in the National League already.

His crisp passes and ability to keep at his task have led vastly-experienced Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Doherty to class him as one of Australia's most outstanding Soccer discoveries of recent years.

Chris recently played for Olympic in the NSW Youth League final, won 1-0 by arch-rival Marconi.

The goalkeepers are Nick Conradi and Joe Laianca. Nick holds dual registration with Manly-Warringah Assn and State League club, whilst Joe is a keen Leichhardt product.

Defender Robert Hooker, now with Sydney City, is a Ka-ring-gai dis-



Top right: Allan Edmondson (Coach); Above (L to R): Tony Rapo, Greg Lerond, Duncan Worthington, Chris Kalantzis, Joe Laianca, Syeve Strasshofer, Wayne Pierce, Rick Monsalve. Bottom (L to R): Robert Hooker, Ross Etherington, Nick Conradi, Alfredo Carmona, Rafael Marco, Johnny Veneri, Greg Fisher, Carlo Spina.



strict product. He is the captain, with midfielder Ross Etherington of Manly as vice-captain.

Other defenders are Duncan Worthington (Ku-ring-gai), Carlo Spina (Leichhardt), Raf Marco (Marconi) & Wayne Pierce (Manly).

Spina and Marco started out with Gladesville Association before

moving to the junior units of leading clubs.

Marconi coach Doug Collins predicts a big future for Marco, a very intelligent sweeper.

The midfielders are Tony Rapo, Greg Lerond, Rick Monsalve & Alfredo Carmona.

Rapo came through the St George juniors to Croatia's Sydney. The

others are from Sutherland, Marconi and Canterbury Association respectively.

The strikers are Steve Strasshofer (Canterbury Assn), Greg Fisher (Ku-ring-gai) and Johnny Veneri (Marconi).

Veneri, extremely strong on the wing has outstanding prospects. He worked his way through

from Southern Districts Assn U14 reps to playing for his club.

Overall 12 of the party were born in Australia, two in Spain and one apiece in England and Chile.

Twelve are still undertaking school studies. One is a bricklayer and others are a public servant, a salesman and a storeman.

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IRON LADY

PICTURED today is Mrs June Duell from the border area of Albury-Wodonga.

For the past three years she has been the co-ordinator of Albury-Wodonga Association's representative teams and she also edits the local ASWA Year Book.

With the representative teams she has travelled thousands of miles through Victoria and NSW.

Apparently she is regarded locally as an "Iron Lady".



poking innocent fun. She has earned a second to none reputation as a great Soccer administrator who is always engrossed in her duties.

She is quite a disciplinarian with her "boys", but pity help any one of them who comes up with either foul play or bad language.

Apart from her Association duties she is fully committed to her club, Albury St Patrick's, of which she is the secretary.

In private life a speech teacher, she is also keenly interested in the progress of her son Duane, who is a member of the club and also the Albury Wodonga under 14 representative team.

Local Soccer correspondent Frank Finlay tells us she will respond to the name of "Mrs Thatcher".

Or to go one further — we are told without risking meeting her in court — she is at other times known as "Attila the Hen!"

But so much for



QUEENSLAND STATE TITLES RUNNERS-UP 1983: WIDE BAY U/13

Back Row: Stephen Bird, Peter Kelly (Coach), Mark Geritz, Andrew Stillman, Scott Fullerton (Captain), Chris Kingston, Mark Hansbauer, Marcos Stacey, Joe Green (Manager), Shane Haddow. Front Row: Ken Glover, Tim Green (Vice-Captain), Andrew Grohn, Andrew Hobbs, Corrie Byrne, Bodo Pinczel, Darren De Frian.

TRAVELLERS EXTRAORDINARY

It's quite a hike to travel from Barragowalla on the way down the Hume Highway towards Mittagong and Bowral, to Blacktown. But Darren Risson (left) and Greg Ross were keen enough to want to play in Blacktown and District SFA's NSW Youth League teams that they have been coming up for training and the games each week.



We are indebted to well-known Soccer identity George Streeter for supplying us with this excellent team picture of the U12 Div 2 team from the 47 team strong Greystanes Soccer club. Pictured are: Back row, l to r: Manager Barry Tyas, Peter Hennings, Mathew Horner, Craig Burrows, Aaron Tyas, Anthony Micallef. Front: David Filipczyk, John Bannerman, Wayne Smith, Jason McLennan, Dean Crowe, Troy Greenwood, goalkeeper Todd Watson and coach Gary Smith.

COOL

Blacktown & District SFA's Director of Coaching Chris James provided these pictures of the Association's Under 14 and 15 Youth League teams before the sweat of recent matches. It seems that the under 14s are lucky that Vic Dalglish is taking an interest in them.



WHITE LIGHT

Illawarra under 12 representative player Paul Zuiderwyk (in white) attacking the Canterbury goal in a recent Metropolitan Championship game at Balgownie Sports Ground.

ENTER NOW

Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of September 27, 1983 qualify for consideration for this year's prizes.

They are: First \$300, Second \$200, Third \$100, with two consolation prizes of \$75 each. The decision of the editorial staff is final. Keep your news and photos coming in to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007. (Black & white pictures are preferred, but we will do our best with all color shots supplied).

LET'S BEGIN

Canterbury & District Soccer Football Association's Under 16 Youth League coach Robert Gabrielli explains to three young Concord players what they have to do to qualify for a Blue McDonald's award, while John Tscheppera, C.D.S.F.A.'s Director of Coaching tests some "older" players in heading as they attempt to gain their Red McDonald's award.

— Helen Saad

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



ELECTRIC SHOCKS

FOR SPONSORS

SPONSORSHIP of the Football League competition by electronics giants Canon is described as "the biggest sponsorship deal in British sport."

It is worth about \$5,000,000.

Trouble is, the contract gives Canon the right to advertising at all grounds and in all match programs. And this has caused a major problem with glamour club, Arsenal.

Arsenal are sponsored by a rival electronics group, JVC. And JVC have advertising rights in the Arsenal program and around the Highbury pitch.

It's said the League has been told to take back the \$17,000 first payment from Canon to Arsenal, but this story has been denied.

Ken Friar, the Gun-

ners' general manager, said his club was having talks with the Football

Manchester United could have similar problems, too.

UK SOCCER SCENE

BYE BYE TO BIG THREE

THIS looks like being the last season in the big time for three great West Ham United players.

It's almost the end of the road for Trevor Brooking, Billy Bonds and Frank Lampard.

Lampard joined West Ham in 1964, Brooking a year later and Bonds arrived in 1967.

The popular trio are the last links at West Ham with the great old side in which Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst, Johnny Byrne and Martin Peters were star names.

One thing is certain — Soccer will be the poorer when Brooking, Bonds and Lampard call "quits."



CHELSEA IS OPTIMISTIC

AFTER several years in the doldrums, there are hopes that famous London club, Chelsea, are about to get back on the winning trail.

Chelsea have spent \$1,000,000 on strengthening their side in a bid to win promotion from the second division.

Club chairman Ken Bates says he is eagerly looking forward to the new season. Commenting on the new signings, he said: "Some players had been at Chelsea too long — they took things for granted. They were not motivated and took liberties. They were the back end of Chelsea's player power days."

The fans are also optimistic about 1983-84. They've picked up season tickets to the value of nearly \$2,000,000.

Chelsea assistant manager Ian McNeill is overjoyed at the form shown pre-season by tiny winger Pat Nevin from Clyde. "Never mind talking about Charlie Nicholas — this kid's dynamite. He'll be the talk of London Town before long," said McNeill.

Nevin, it may be remembered, played for

MORLEY ON THE MOVE

GUINNESS IS GOOD FOR THEM

TONY MORLEY of Aston Villa is rated one of the finest wingers in England but his in-and-out form cost him his regular spot in the first team last season.

Morley believes a change of club would help him regain his international position.

West Brom have made a move to sign him but may be pipped by beaten Cup Finalists Brighton who see Morley as just the man to inspire their quick return to the first division.

QPR boss Terry Venables said: "We are delighted

MILLWALL 'BOVVER' BOTHERS

MILLWALL must be the most unpopular team in English football.

They have had great difficulty arranging pre-season friendly fixtures because most other clubs are worried about the "bovver boy" element among Millwall's supporters.

When Millwall played non-League team Tonbridge, there was a violent battle on the pitch between opposing groups of fans.

This caused other clubs, Carshalton, Enfield, Maidstone and Dagenham, to cancel matches they should have played against Millwall.

THOSE deadly rivals, Manchester City and Manchester United, rarely do transfer business together.

Denis Law, of course, played for both clubs but he was an odd man out. Now, however, there is a tip that former United captain, Martin Buchan, who is on a free transfer, could move a few kilometres across Manchester to sign for City.

Injuries to Tommy Catton and Nicky Reid present the Maine Road club with defensive worries which Buchan could solve.

Buchan, one of United's most popular players in recent years, had a Testimonial last week against Aberdeen.

EAMONN BANNON (Dundee United) celebrated the birth of his twins by scoring two goals — one for each baby — in the pre-season match against West Ham United.

EVEN before last Saturday's opening of the English season, some critics claimed Arsenal bought badly when they secured Charlie Nicholas's transfer from Celtic. In pre-season games, Nicholas has been a major disappointment.

WILKINS MYSTERY DEEPENS

IT seems strange but some English experts tip brilliant midfielder Ray Wilkins to leave Manchester United.

There have been rumours about Wilkins' departure for a long time. The critics claim he'll lose his first team place to Remi Moses. It is significant, though, that in the F.A. Charity Shield, Wilkins was outstanding for the Red Devils and Moses didn't win selection.

Arsenal have already made a bid of \$320,000 for Wilkins. That seems a small figure for a big player.

ALAN HUDSON has signed for Chelsea, having convinced manager John Neal that he is fit and in form after returning from North America. Hudson is one of the most gifted ball artists in the game.